

THE HOMES OF OUR FOREFATHERS.

BEING A SELECTION OF THE

Oldest and Most Interesting Historical Houses and Noted
Places in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

FROM ORIGINAL DRAWINGS TAKEN ON THE SPOT,

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INTRODUCTION.

ALL who are interested in this collection of the ancestral homes of New England will, I trust, read the following :

After innumerable trials and difficulties, the full history of which would fill fifty of these pages, I have at length completed the third volume of "Homes of Our Forefathers." Nearly seven years have passed away since I commenced the work.

Very few persons can have any adequate idea of the time, labor and expense required to collect the materials and superintend the getting up of these books. The many weary miles I have travelled to ascertain the correct dates or the names of those who built these houses; hunting up old wills in the Probate Court; examining old deeds in the Registrar's Office; visiting graveyards, to decipher, if possible, the date of some person's death; calling on Mr. A, B, and C, and trying to reconcile the different and often contradictory stories they would tell me, etc., etc., are a few of the labors incident to this undertaking.

That in spite of all my efforts to be absolutely correct, there may be found some trifling errors; that some of the drawings may be slightly inaccurate in unimportant details, I am quite willing to admit, but this will surely be pardoned, for, perhaps when I was making the sketches, rain or snow was falling on my paper, or the wind was blowing a gale, and making it extremely difficult to sketch at all.

And this reminds me of a question I have often been asked, and that is, why I did not take photographs of these houses. I answer that very seldom would this process have been desirable, because in very many cases, alterations and additions have been made at various times to these buildings, which I have left out, and shown them as they were originally. Then again, frequently trees hid important features; of course in sketching I could leave these trees out partially or wholly.

I will now say a few words in regard to the financial part of this undertaking. From first to last I have been obliged to bear the whole expense, as I could not induce any society or individual to invest money in the enterprise. That this has been a pretty heavy burden will be evident from the following statement :

I have given up fully five years of valuable time, worth to me at least \$12,000, and have expended in various ways about \$5,000 in cash. The returns so far from the sales of this work have amounted to nearly \$3,500, so that I may truly say I have sunk, directly and indirectly, about \$13,500.

Most persons reading this will naturally wonder what could have induced me to go on with such an unprofitable business. Well, I confess it does seem rather simple on my part; but the fact is, that when I make up my mind to accomplish anything, I am determined to go through with it. No matter what obstacles may lie in my path, I am bound to remove them, sooner or later.

Having then made up my mind that this was an undertaking that ought to be put through, and always having felt a great interest in antiquarian matters generally and the early history of New England in particular, I decided to carry it through to completion, should my life be spared; and I thank a kind Providence that He has enabled me so to do.

To all friends who have interested themselves in this work of mine, and to the Press, for their kind notices, I return my sincere thanks.

I will say no more, except to observe that in spite of all my trials, sacrifices and disappointments, I do not regret that I have undertaken this task, for it has been to me a *labor of love*; and the only regret I feel is that I have not been able to do it better; as, had I been possessed of greater means, this would have been a far more elaborate work.

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HISTORICAL NOTES.

1602. Bartholomew Gosnold landed at Mt. Desert.
1603. Martin Pring visited Penobscot Bay.
1604. The French under De Monts explored Passamaquoddy Bay.
1605. Capt. Weymouth visited the Island of Mohegan and planted a garden, in which *were raised the first vegetables by white men in New England.*
1607. Popham and Gilbert landed at Mohegan Island and built some cabins; and afterwards proceeded to the main land, near what is now called Atkin's Bay, and established the first settlement in New England, but it was abandoned the year after, the settlers returning to England.
1614. The noted Capt. Jno. Smith landed at Mohegan, remaining there several months.
1622. Mohegan was permanently settled.
1623. A permanent settlement at Saco.
1624. A settlement made at Pemaquid.
1629. Jno. Mason granted a patent of the country lying between the Merrimac and Piscataqua Rivers, and called it New Hampshire.
1634. Sir Ferdinando Gorges appointed Governor-General of all New England.
1642. The Town of York, Me., received a city charter from Gorges, with a Mayor, twelve Aldermen, and twenty-four Commonmen; thus being the first City in New England.
1622. The Laconia Company of New Hampshire was formed.
1623. Thompson, Edward and Wm. Hilton and others settled at the mouth of Piscataqua River, and at Odiorne's Point Thompson erected the first framed house built in New Hampshire. It was afterwards called "Mason's Hall."
1631. The "Great House" was built by Humphrey Chadbourne, about three miles from Mason Hall, on what was called Strawberry Bank.
1724. The first permanent settlement in Vermont was made in what is now the town of Brattleboro. This post was called Fort Dummer.
1731. The French made a settlement in what is now the Town of Addison.
- Bennington was the first town chartered by New Hampshire in what is now the State of Vermont.
- The population of Vermont in 1775 was about 20,000.
1776. A convention was held at Dorset agreeing to support the Declaration of Independence.
1779. Ethan Allen died, aged fifty. He was a native of Litchfield, Conn.
1784. Seth Warner died, aged forty-two. He was also a native of Connecticut.
1791. Vermont admitted as a State.



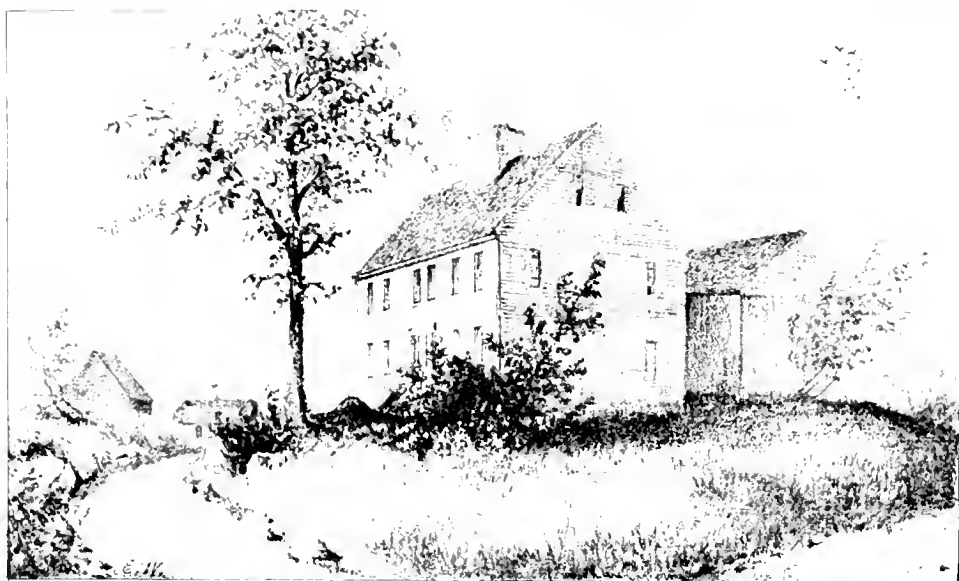
THE McINTIRE GARRISON HOUSE, YORK, ME.

This remarkable old house was built by Malcolm McIntire about 1649, for a Garrison House. It is built of solid square logs in a very substantial manner and has been taken good care of. The left-hand portion is undoubtedly more modern. It has never been painted.



THE JENKINS GARRISON HOUSE, YORK, ME.

This is another Garrison House, similar in most respects to the other near which it stands. It is rapidly falling to pieces, and will soon be numbered among the things that were.



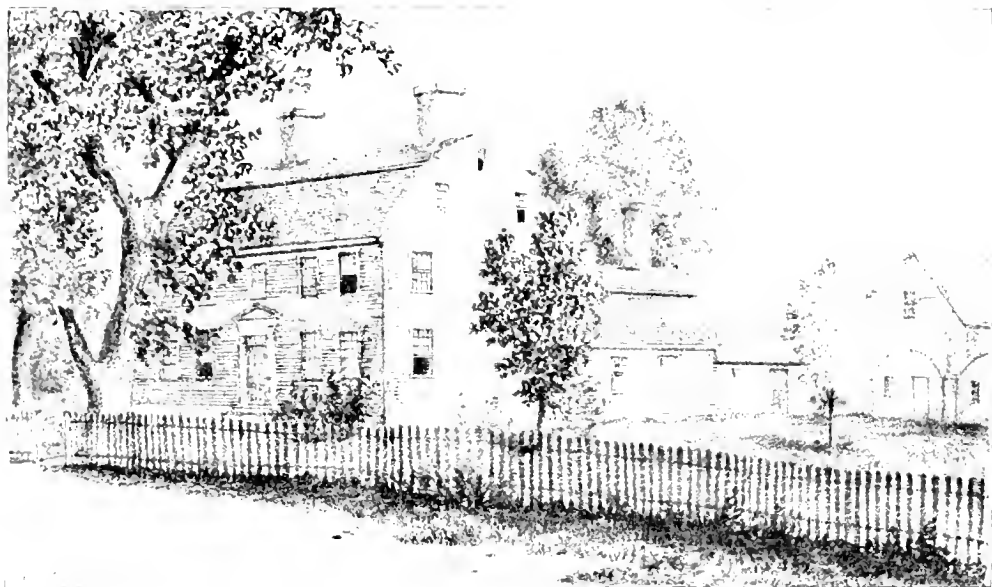
KELLEY HOUSE, SACO, ME.

This is also on Front Street and was probably built about 1760. It has been slightly altered, the old chimney, especially, in the centre having been replaced by two small ones.



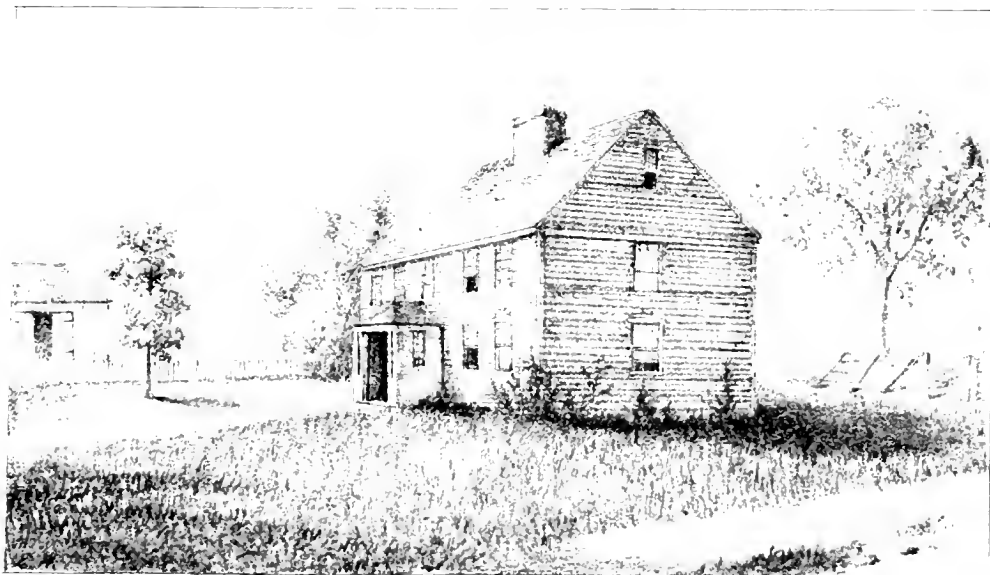
THE CUTTS MANSION, SACO, ME.

This, when built by Col. Cutts in 1780, was the handsomest house in Saco. It is still in good condition, and, standing as it does on such high ground, commands a fine view of the Saco River and the surrounding country. It belongs now to the Water Power Co. The small house on the left is of no special importance.



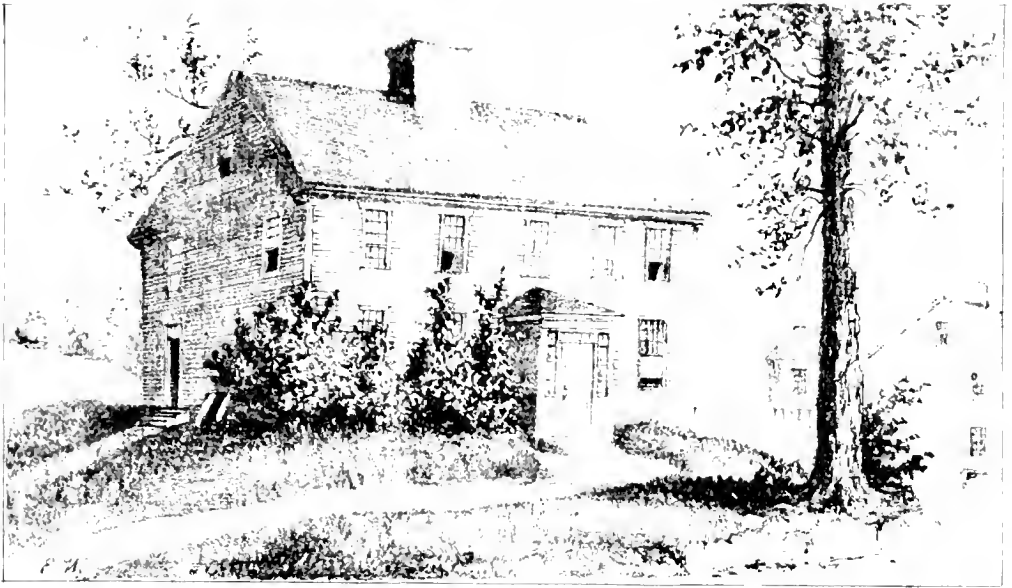
EMMERSON HOUSE, KENNEBUNK, ME.

This was built by Waldo Emerson about 1790. It was a handsome house and is in a good state of preservation. It stands on the road to Kennebunkport.



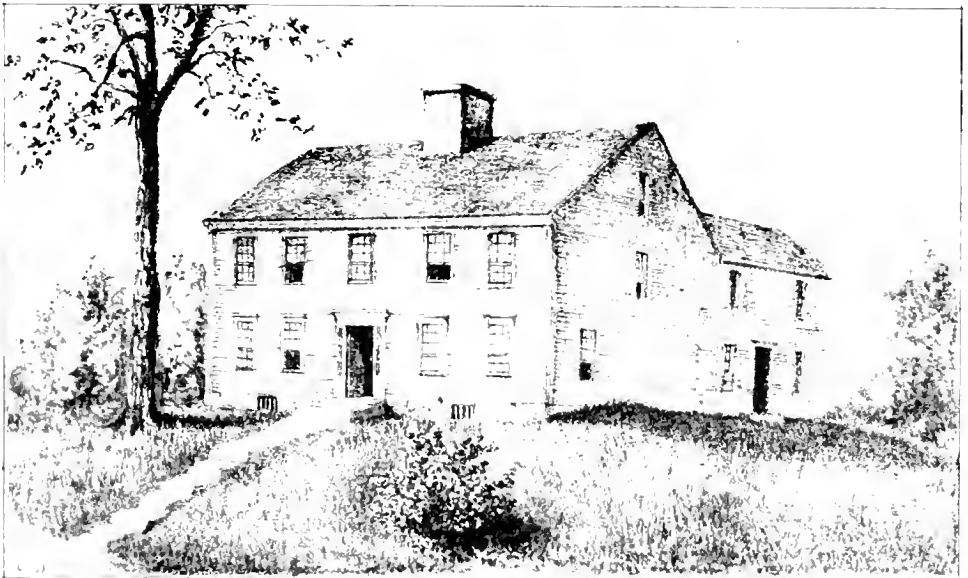
WALKER HOUSE, KENNEBUNKPORT, ME

This was built by Gideon Walker about 1747 and is in a good state of repair. The porch is probably a modern addition. It was the third house erected in what is now the village. It was until recently unpainted.



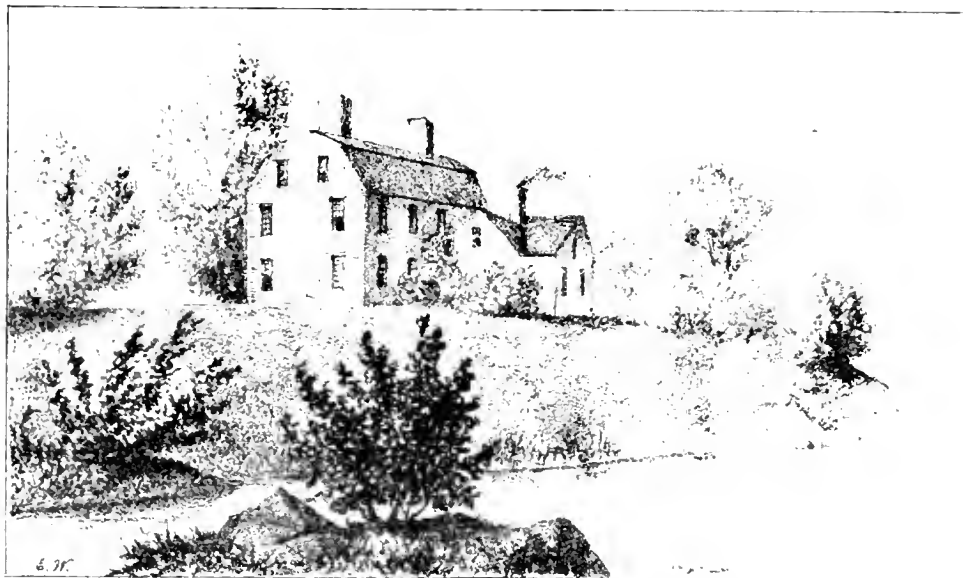
THE CLEEVE OR CLEAVES HOUSE, SACO, ME.

This house stands on Front Street and was built about 1772, probably by a descendant of the noted Geo. Cleeve who may be said to have been the founder of Portland, as he was the first settler there, in 1630, with his wife and daughter Elizabeth.



WARREN HOUSE, SACO, ME.

This stands on Front Street between the Cleaves and Kelley houses and is believed to be the oldest house in the town. It is supposed to have been built by Sam'l Warren about 1750. It has been somewhat altered.



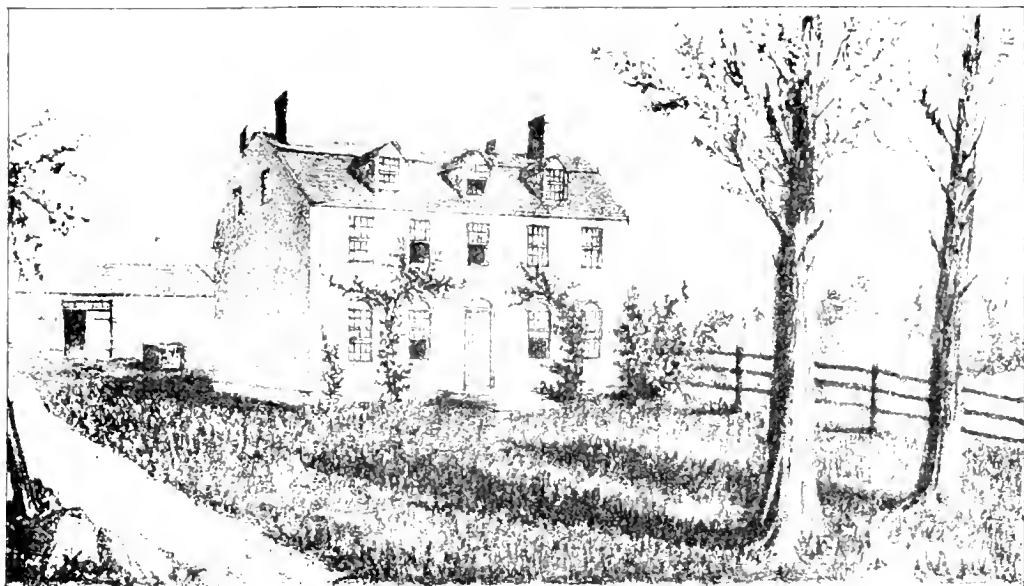
THE SPARHAWK HOUSE, KITTERY, ME.

This was built by Col. Nathaniel Sparhawk in 1742. He married Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir Wm. Pepperell. This house is finely situated and has been considerably modernized. Its original appearance as represented in the above drawing is believed to be correct.



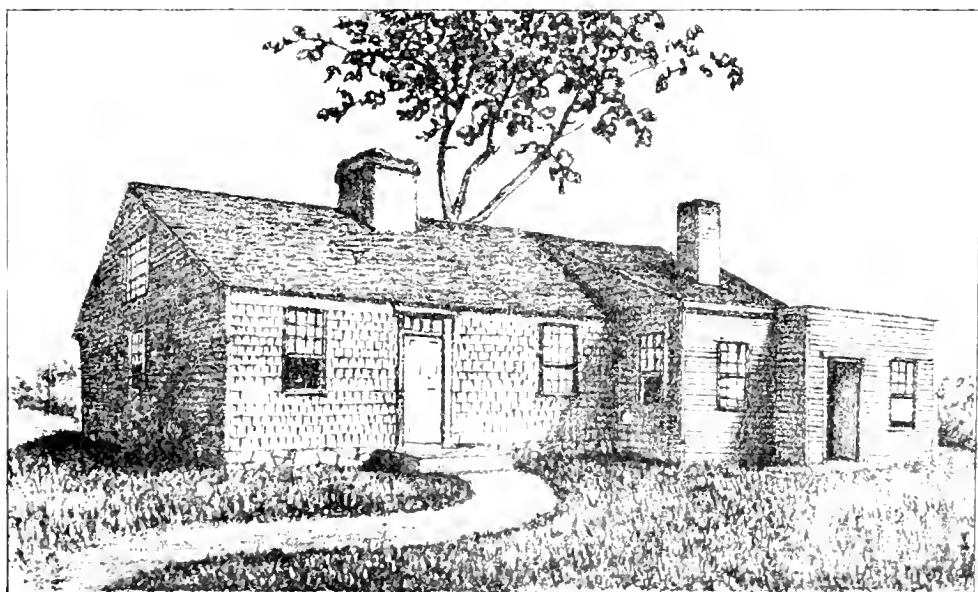
THE PEPPERELL MANSION, KITTERY, ME.

This fine old mansion was built by Col. Wm. Pepperell, son of Sir Wm. Pepperell. It was originally much more imposing building, as ten feet have been cut off from each end. It is still a fine old house, the front hall is very large and has a wide staircase; it, and the East parlor are both handsomely painted.



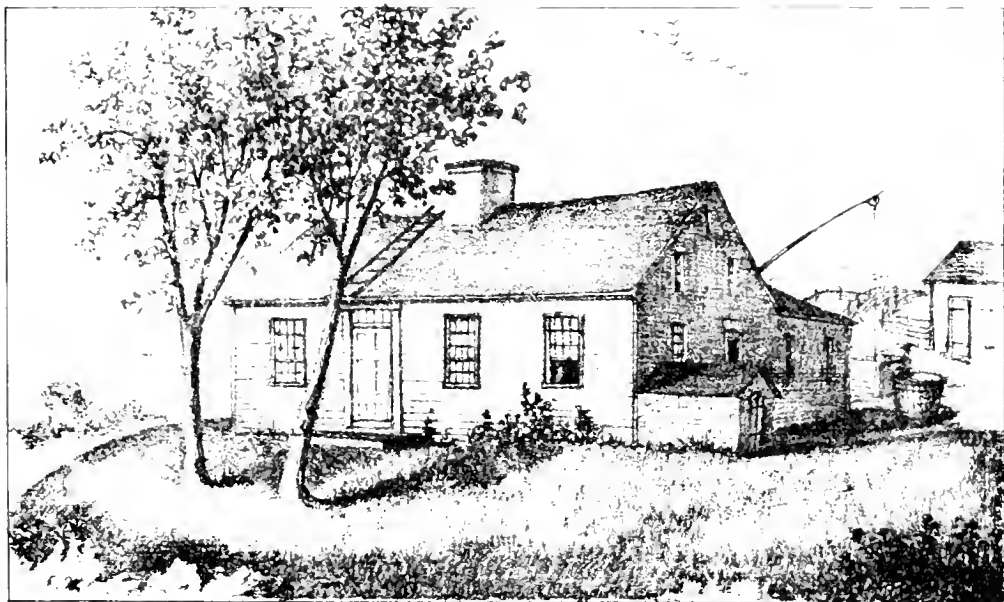
THE McLELLAN HOUSE, GORHAM, ME.

This is claimed to be the first brick house erected in the State of Maine, by Hugh McLellan in 1773. It is in a good state of repair. The above picture represents it as it was originally, as it has been considerably changed from its first appearance.



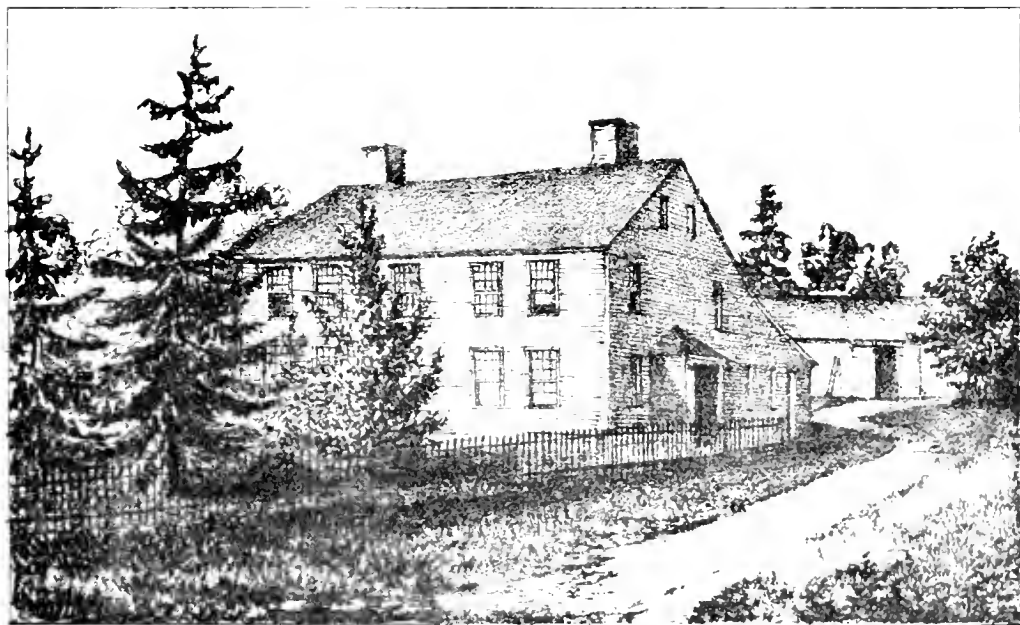
THE OLD McLELLAN HOUSE, GORHAM, ME.

This is a very old house, probably erected by James McLellan. The date is uncertain, but it was probably about 1770. It is in a rather dilapidated condition. It is believed to be the first frame house built in Gorham.



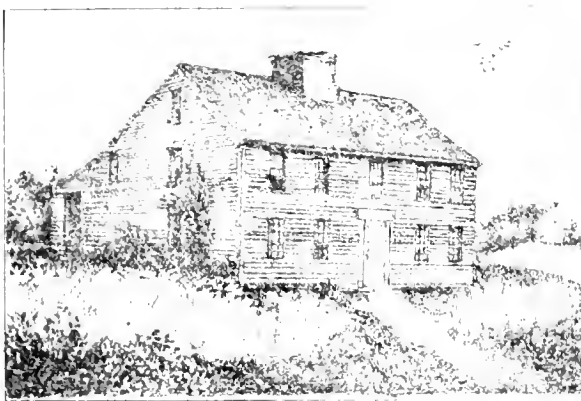
THE BRADBURY HOUSE, YORK, ME.

This is a very old house, standing on the banks of York River. It was probably built about 1680, by a Capt. Young, and afterwards passed into possession of the Bradbury family; but after spending much time and corresponding with several persons I cannot speak with certainty as to its early history.



THE WADSWORTH HOUSE, HIRAM, ME.

General Peleg Wadsworth was born in Duxbury, Mass., and settled in Hiram about 1790, and built this house soon afterwards.



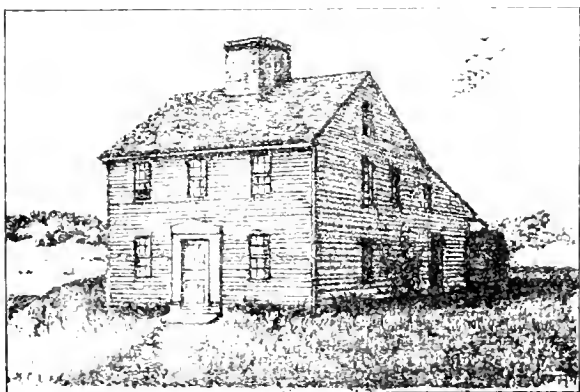
THE WESTON HOUSE, HARDINGS, ME.

This is a very old house, about four miles from Bath, and is supposed to have been built about 1755.



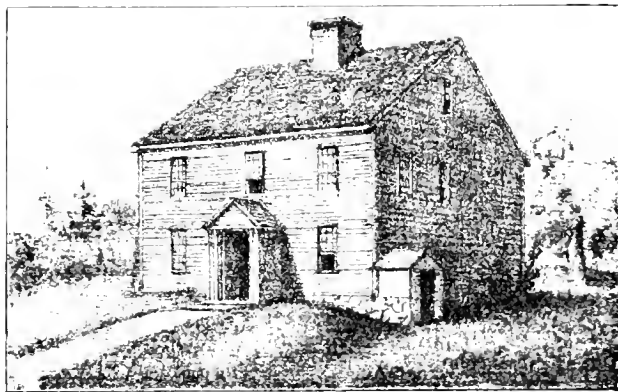
THE HALEY HOUSE, BIDDEFORD, ME.

This house stands on the North side of the Pool Road near the new road leading across Leighton's Point to the Beach. It is said to have been built in 1730, and five generations of the Haley family have been brought up in it.



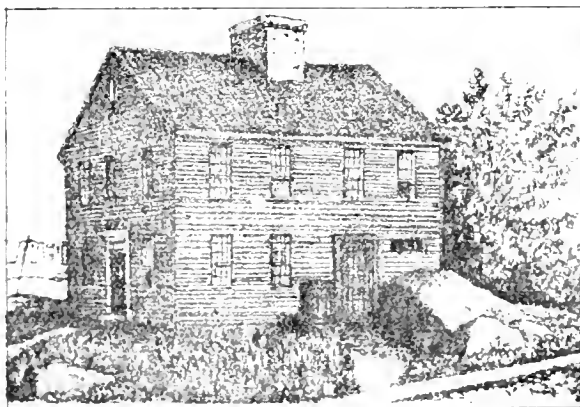
THE NEVIN HOUSE, KENNEBUNKPORT, ME.

This stands near Kennebunk River and is said to be the oldest house at the Port having been built between 1720 and 1734. There is now a piazza in front which I have left out.



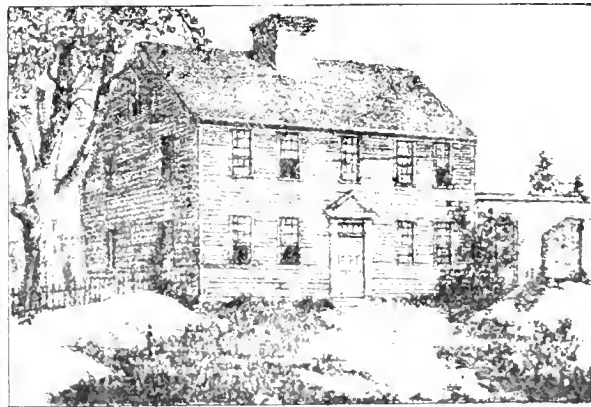
THE DUNNING HOUSE, HARPSWELL NECK, ME.

This was built by Deacon Andrew Dunning as early as 1764, if not before.



THE SAM'L SEWELL HOUSE, BATH, ME.

This is a very old house, on High Street, built probably about 1780 by Samuel or Henry Sewell. It is in a rather dilapidated condition.



THE SEWELL HOUSE, BATH, ME.

This was built by Col. Dummel Sewell in 1764 and is in a good state of repair. This also stands on High Street.



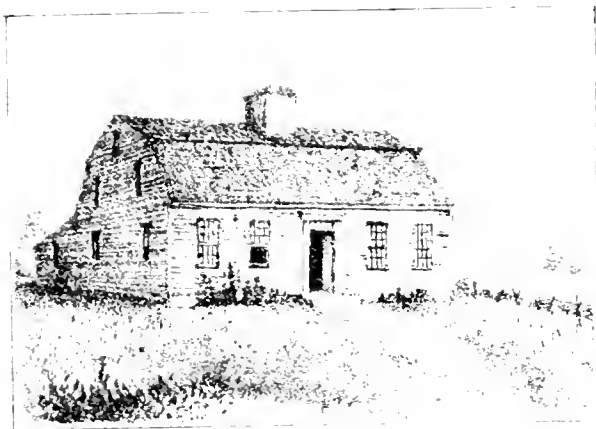
THE HARLOW HOUSE BANGOR, ME

This house is on Center St., opposite the Universalist Church and if not the oldest is one of the oldest in Bangor. It was probably built in 1780.



THE OLD CUTTS HOUSE AND STORE, SACO, ME.

This was built by Col. Cutts long before he erected the large house on the hill. Here his children were born and here it was that he made his money. It is very dilapidated.



THE ORR HOUSE, ORR'S ISLAND, ME

This is said to have been built by Joseph Orr in 1756. Orr's Island belongs to the Town of Harpswell.



THE PAYSON HOUSE, BIDDEFORD, ME

This is an old, mouldy "Bridgton Wharf" which is said to have been built by a man named Townsend. It was an old house in 1793 when it was bought by Sam'l Payson or Pierson.



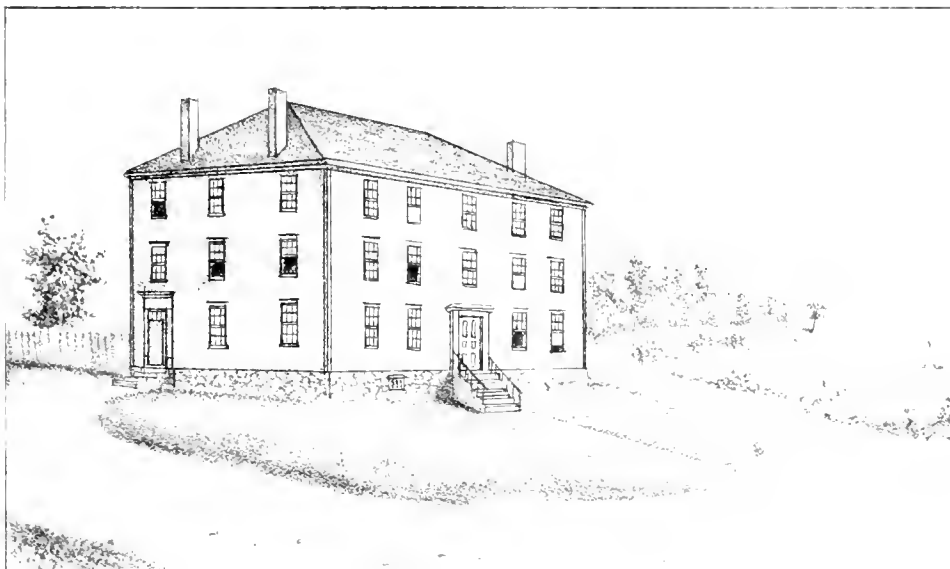
THE HOLYOKE HOUSE BREWER, ME

This is probably the only house in the Town of Brewer, having been built by John Holyoke in 1782.



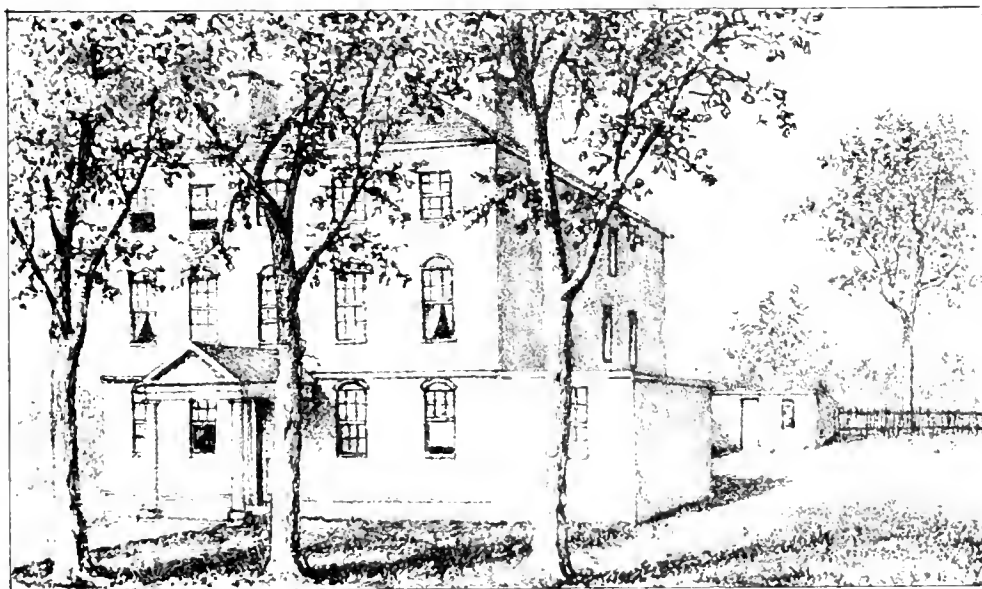
THE THATCHER HOUSE, BIDDEFORD, ME

This is said to have been built by Judge Thatcher, first Member of Congress from Me., when it was part of Mass.



LONGFELLOW'S BIRTH-PLACE, PORTLAND, ME.

This stands on Fore Street, corner of Hancock. It was built by Jas. Campbell, who could not complete it, and sold it to the Longfellow or Stevensons, who were connected in business. Here the Poet was born. The lower part is now turned into a store. I have shown the house as it was originally, and the water view as it probably was before the Grand Trunk R. R., was built.



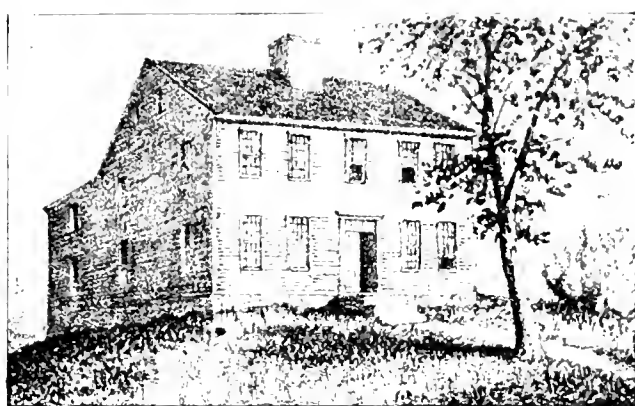
THE WADSWORTH-LONGFELLOW HOUSE, PORTLAND, ME

This, which was the first brick house erected in Portland, was built by Peleg Wadsworth, grandfather of the Poet, in 1785-87. The bricks were brought from Philadelphia. It was originally two stories high; the third story having been added by Stephen Longfellow, the Poet's father, in 1808. It stands on Congress Street, in the heart of the city, but when built was quite in the country. The Poet spent most of his youthful days here.



THE THOMPSON HOUSE, BRUNSWICK, ME.

This stood on the south side of the road to Harding's Station. It was built by Cornelius Thompson about 1746, or probably earlier. It was burned down in 1882.



THE DEAN HOUSE, BRIDGFORD, ME.

This house belongs to Judge Luques, and it has been generally believed that Gov. Sullivan lived here, if he did not build it. But another report is that it was built by Oliver Dean about 1769. There is some doubt about either story.



OLD JAIL, YORK, ME.

This is probably the oldest jail in the country, having been built in 1653, and was, until recently, the property of the county, but it now belongs to the Town of York and is kept in a good state of repair. It is occasionally used as a temporary place of detention for criminals.



OLD POST OFFICE, GARDNER, ME.

This was erected and used as a store by Dr. Gardiner in 1763. He was a most enterprising and energetic man, and did more than any other person to develop this part of Maine. The Doctor came from Kingston, R. I., and commenced operations here about 1752.



THE TILDEN HOUSE, CASTINE, ME.

This is said to have been built by or for the Rev. Mr. Mason, the first settled minister of Castine, and occupied by him for many years. The exact date is uncertain.



THE LIVERMORE HOUSE, LIVERMORE, ME.

Deacon Elijah Livermore moved here from Waltham, Mass., in 1774, and soon after built this house.



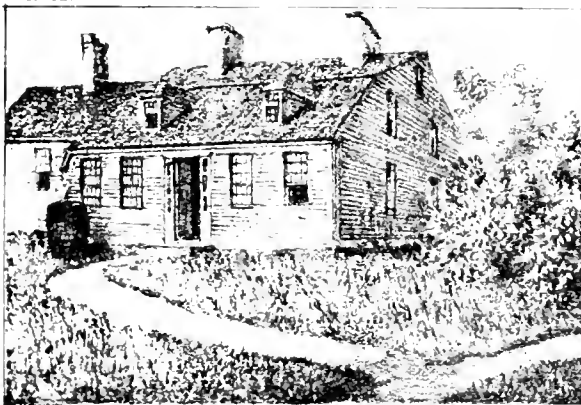
THE BRAY OR UNDERWOOD HOUSE, KITTERY ME.

This is a very fine old house, having been built by John Bray in 1660. His daughter Margery was mother of Sir Wm. Pepperell of Louisburg fame. Another daughter married an Underhill, who for many years kept this as a tavern. During the Revolutionary War it was used as a barrack for Soldiers. It has been well preserved.



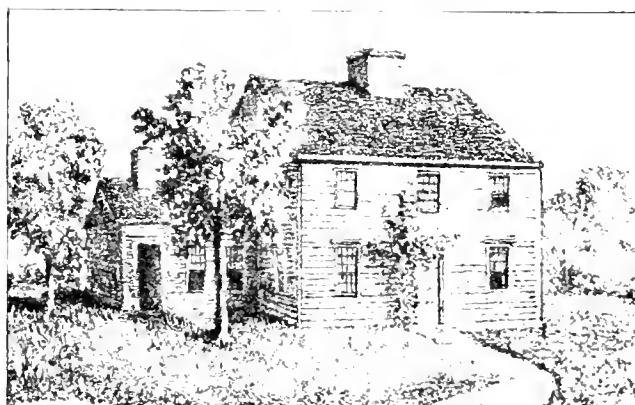
THE COLE HOUSE, YASSALBORO' ME.

This was built by Wm. Cole about 1780. It has been moved from the hill above and now stands close to the R. R., overlooking the valley of the Kennebec River. It has been somewhat modernized.



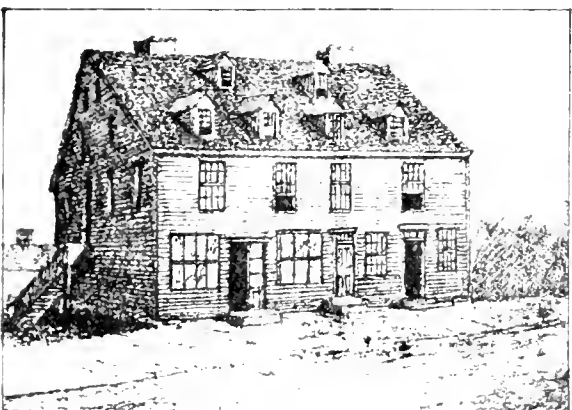
T. V. CHADBOURNE HOUSE, BATH, ME.

This is an old house standing on High Street south of the Court House. I could not find out much that was reliable about it, but it was probably built about 1754.



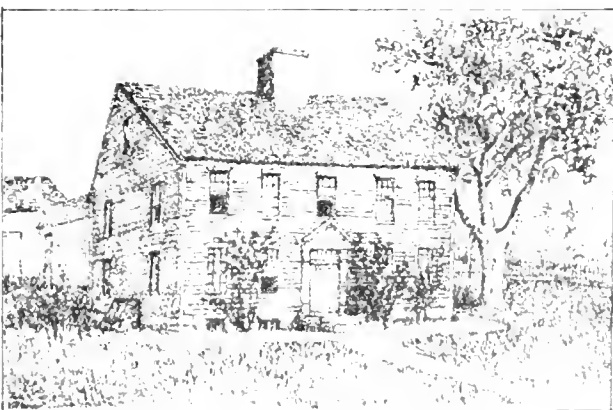
THE KING HOUSE, SCARBORO, ME.

This house is noted for having been the birth-place of three famous brothers, Rufus King of New York; Wm. King the first Governor of Maine, 1820; and Cyrus King who was a Member of Congress from Maine.



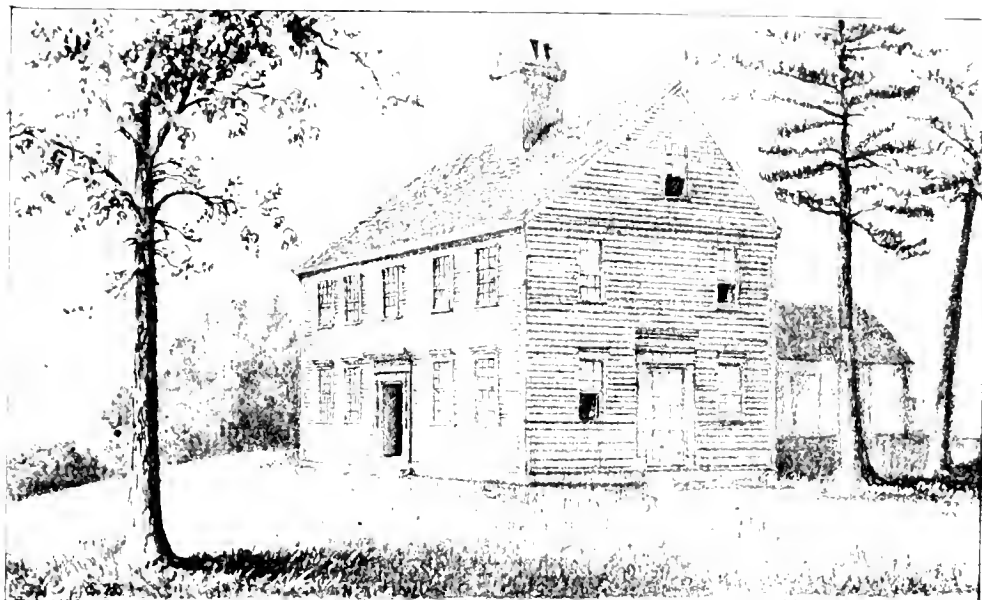
OLD CUSTOM HOUSE, BIDDEFORD, ME.

This is a peculiar old building and must be very old; but I can't find out when it was built; it must have been previous to 1780 as Jeremiah Hill who was on Gen. Washington's Staff was Custom House officer here for many years.



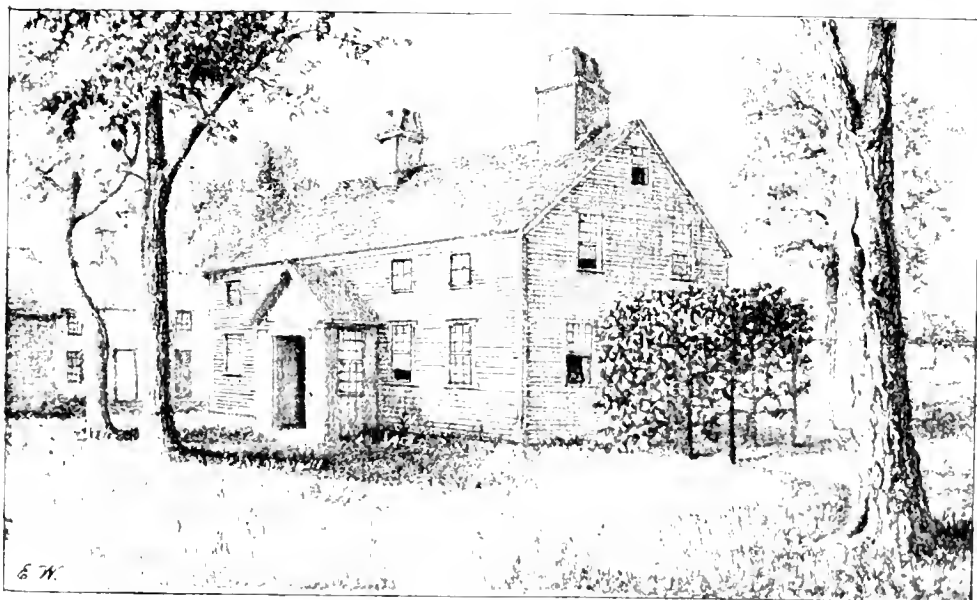
THE STEVENS HOUSE, DEERING ME.

This stands on Ocean Street and was built by a man named Stevens about 1760, if not before. It was for many years kept as a tavern. It is quite a large house and in a good state of preservation.



COLBURN HOUSE, PITTSTON, ME.

Built by Reuben Colburn, grandfather of the present owner, about 1760. He built the *bateaux* for Arnold when he was preparing for the invasion of Canada. It stands near the bank of the Kennebec River and is in a good state of repair.



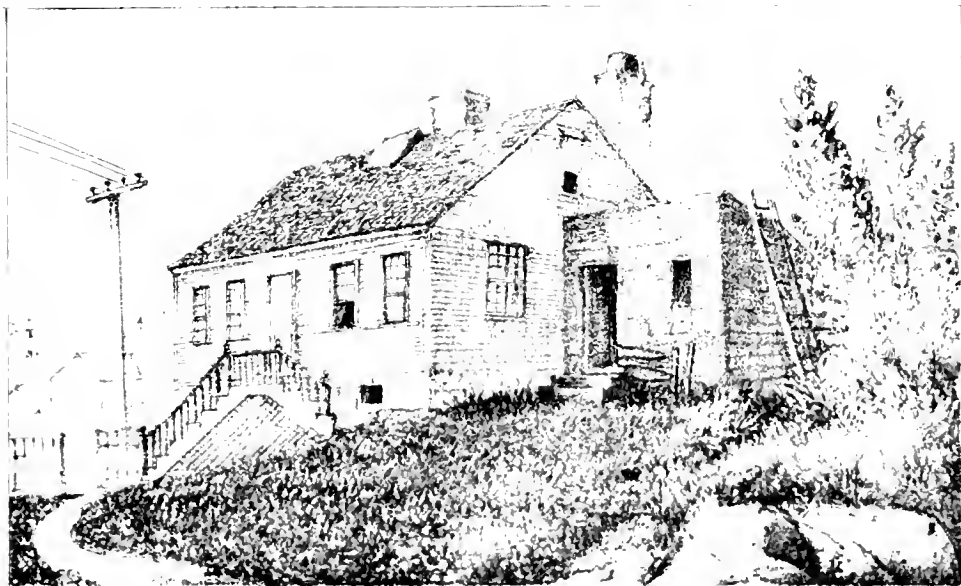
STEVENS HOUSE, PITTSTON, ME.

This was built by Rob't H. Gardiner about 1780 and bought of him by Caleb Stevens ancestor of the present owner, Franklin Stevens, in 1816. This is a lovely place with an avenue of tree elms leading to the house.



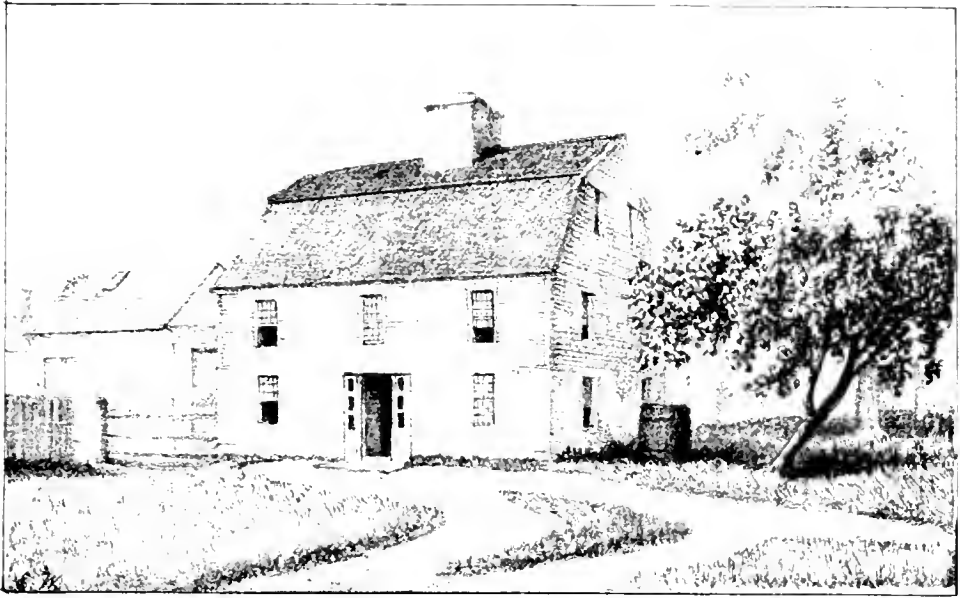
THE COX HOUSE, PORTLAND, ME.

This is near the McClellan house and nearly as old, having been built by John Cox in 1732. It is a large house, in good repair and stands on High Street.



THE McCLELLAN HOUSE, PORTLAND, ME

This is perhaps the oldest house remaining in Portland, having been built by Bruce McClellan about 1730. It stands on York Street, near High. This is one of the houses that escaped when the town was burnt by Mowatt in 1775.



THE CROCKER HOUSE, BATH, ME.

This house stands on High Street and was probably built by Isaiah Crocker, 1760. The lower story is brick and the upper is wood. It was moved some years since, the old chimney taken down and two small ones put in.



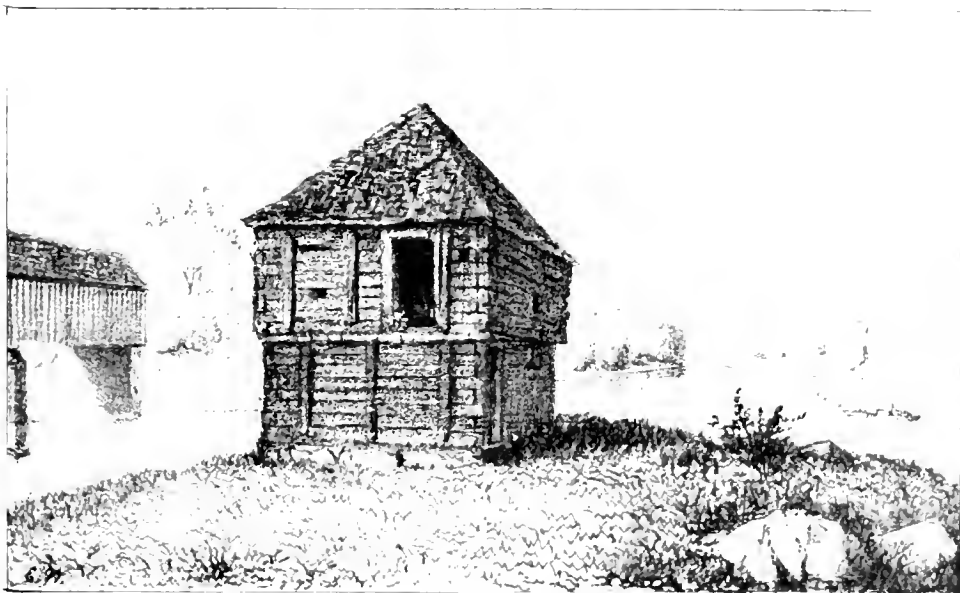
THE WEBB HOUSE, BATH, ME

This was built by William Webb about 1784. It stands on elevated ground off Summer St., commanding a fine view. It belongs to Mr. Wm. Torrey, grandson of Webb.



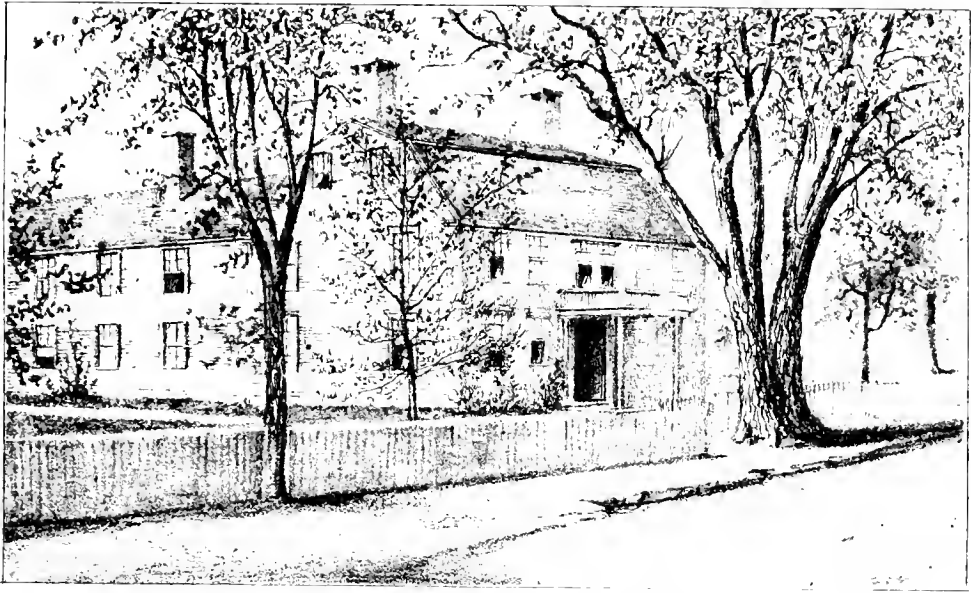
FORT WESTERN, AUGUSTA, ME.

These buildings, standing on the east side of the Kennebec River, are supposed to be a portion or the whole of Fort Western, built by the Plymouth Company in 1754. The Block House represented in the view has been removed long since. The present building (now a tenement house) has dormer windows but they are probably of more modern date.



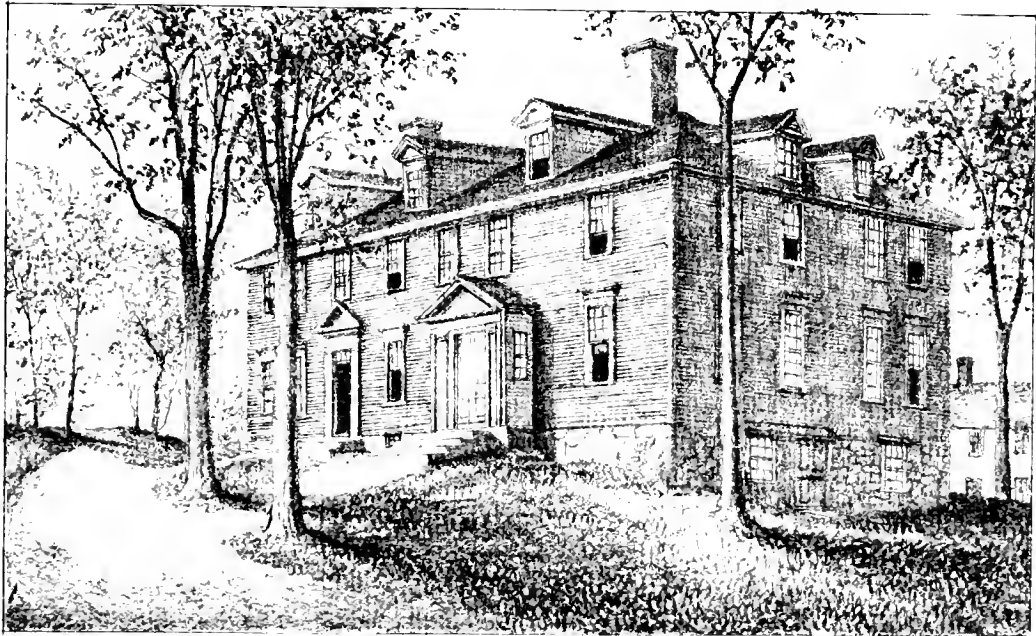
BLOCK HOUSE, WINSLOW, ME

This is all that remains of Fort Halifax built by Gov. Shirley in 1751 at the junction of the Sebasticook and Kennebec. It is in a somewhat dilapidated condition, but I am glad to hear that it will not be torn down, but kept up in its present condition and repaired when necessary.



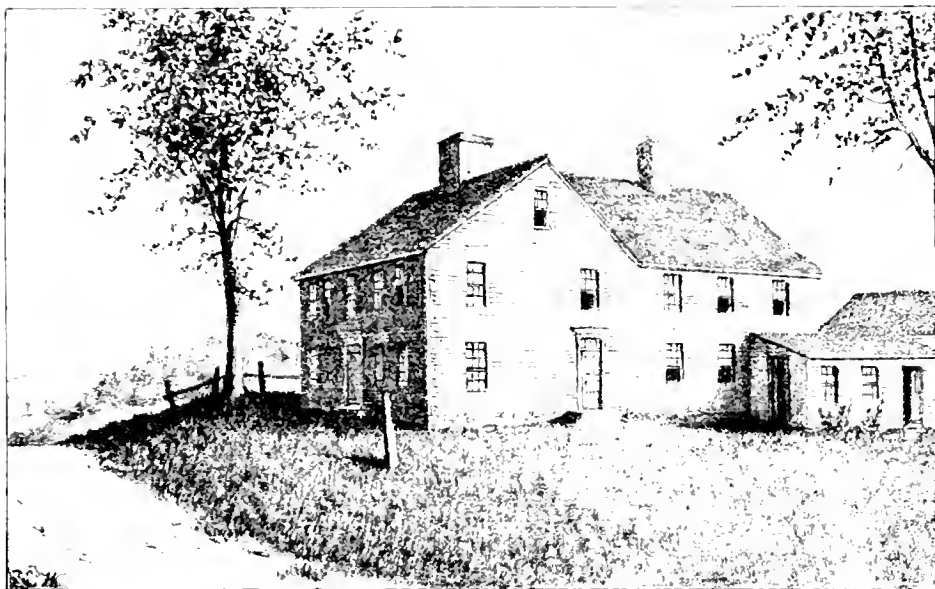
THE COL. NATHANIEL GILMAN HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This historical mansion was built by Dr. Dudley Odlin about 1730-5, and after his death was owned and occupied by the Gilman family for upwards of 100 years. A wing and piazza has been added to it, but the main building has not been materially changed. It is now occupied by Hon. Chas. H. Bell, and is in an excellent state of preservation.



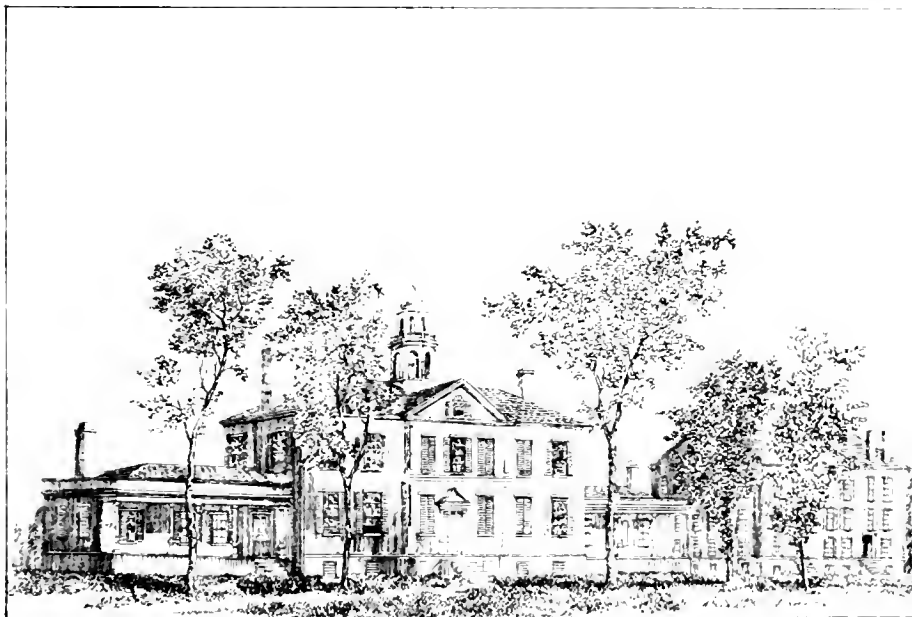
THE GOVERNOR GILMAN HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

The land on which this house stands was bought by Nathaniel Ladd of Eliphalet Coffin in 1721. The main part is brick, which has been clapboarded to correspond with a wooden addition, and was built prior to 1732. Daniel Gilman, father of Nicholas (State Treasurer) and grandfather of the subsequent owner, Gov. J. T. Gilman, bought it in 1747 for his son. It has ever since—save for a brief period—been in possession of the Gilman connection. Its present owner and occupant, John Taylor Perry, is a great grandson of Nicholas Gilman. It is a fine and interesting old mansion, and is in an excellent state of preservation, having been completely renovated with very few alterations. Its paneled walls and small paned windows remain as they were a century or more ago.



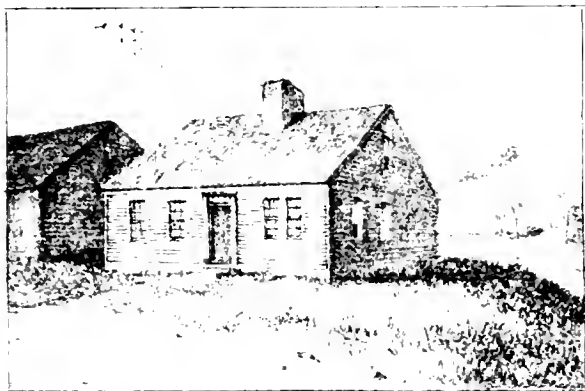
PHILLIPS ACADEMY BUILDING, No. 1, EXETER, N. H.

This was occupied as a school building for the Phillips Academy from 1783 till 1794, when it was moved to the Plains where it now stands, not far from the Leavitt house on the old Haverhill turnpike. It was probably built about 1760. It is now a farm house. The Academy was formally opened in 1783; its first preceptor being Wm. Woodbridge of Glastonbury, Conn., who resigned in 1788, and Dr. Benj. Abbott of Andover, Mass., was elected to fill his place, and a most fortunate selection it proved to be.



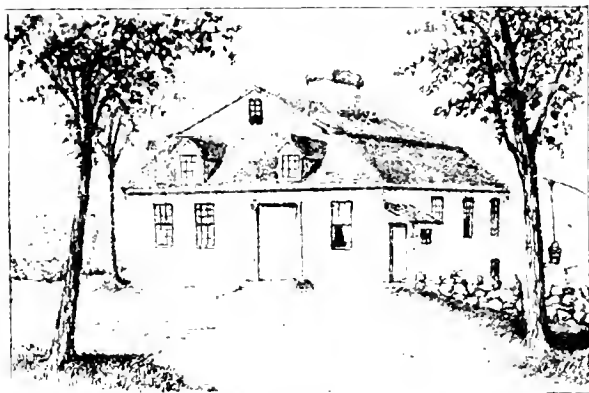
PHILLIPS ACADEMY, No. 2, EXETER, N. H.

This famous Academy was founded by John Phillips of Andover, Mass., who came to Exeter in 1741, where he first opened a private school, but afterwards turned his attention to business, in which he met with great success, and died in 1795, the richest man in Exeter. The above represents the second Academy building which was first occupied in 1794, and burnt down in 1870. To name the eminent men who have graduated from this building would fill a small volume.



THE BRADBURY HOUSE, LACONIA, N. H.

This is said to have been built by Col. Bradbury about 1750.



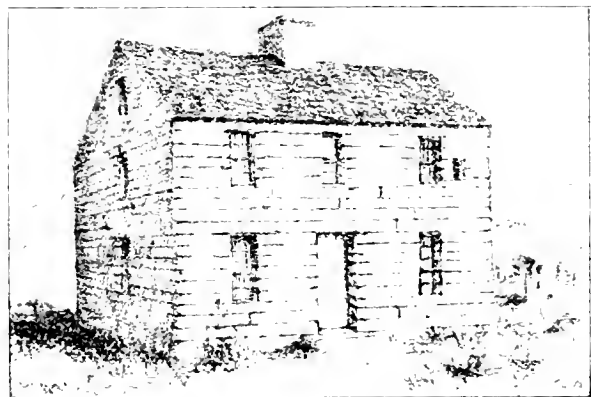
THE STEWART HOUSE, DUNBARTON, N. H.

This was built by Samuel Stewart about 1765 and was burnt down a few years since.



HORACE GREELEY'S BIRTH-PLACE, AMHERST, N. H.

When Horace Greeley was born this house was not clap-boarded, and of course not painted. It is in a rather lonely part of the town.



GARRISON HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H.

This is built for F. Garrison house by Edward Abbott about 1735, and here the first white child was born in Concord. It originally stood at the corner of Main and Montgomery Streets, where Mr. E. S. Nutter's house now is, and to which the old house joins, being used for a barn. The above view represents it as it was originally.



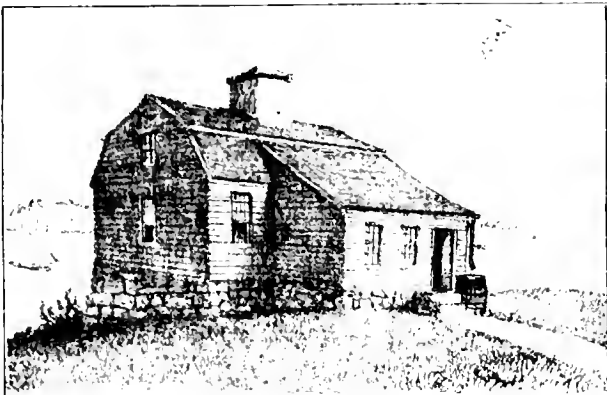
THE MARSH HOUSE, CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

This is the old homestead of the Marsh family, and was probably built before 1750.



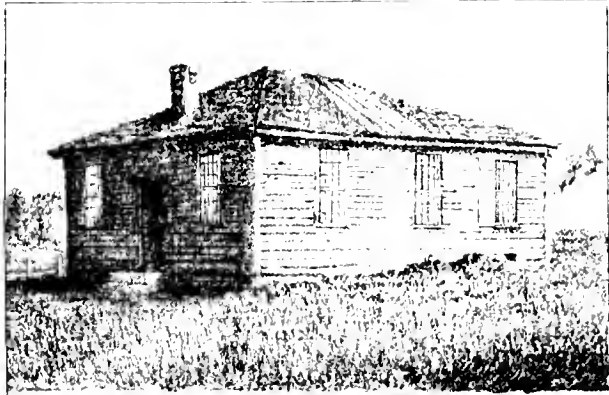
THE JACKSON HOUSE, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

This is on the Canadian shore side, and is claimed to be the oldest house in Portsmouth. It was built by Richard Jackson, 1664 to 1670, and is still owned by his descendants.



THE YEATON HOUSE, NEWCASTLE, N. H.

This is a very old house indeed, but I cannot find out who built it or when it was built. I should say that it must have been erected as early as 1750 at least.



BAPTIST CHURCH, WESTMORELAND, N. H.

This is probably the oldest Baptist Church in the State of New Hampshire.



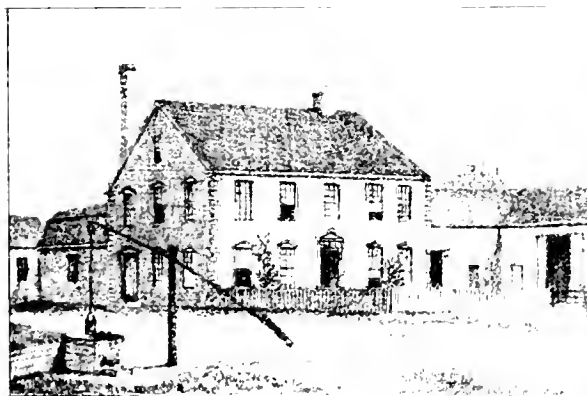
THE JEWETT HOUSE, LACONIA, N. H.

This was built by Jacob Jewett about 1784. He came from Pepperel, Mass.



THE BLODGETT HOUSE, MANCHESTER, N. H.

This was built by Sam'l Blodgett about 1790, and was pulled down in 1870. Sam'l Blodgett was a very enterprising man, and projector of the Amoskeag Canal. This view is taken from an old sketch made in 1812.



THE STARK HOUSE, MANCHESTER, N. H.

This was built by Gen'l John Stark in 1765 and occupied by him and his family during the remaining 67 years of his life. His descendants occupied it until about 40 years later, having been burnt down in 1806. It was situated in the northerly part of Manchester about half a mile from the head of Amoskeag Falls.



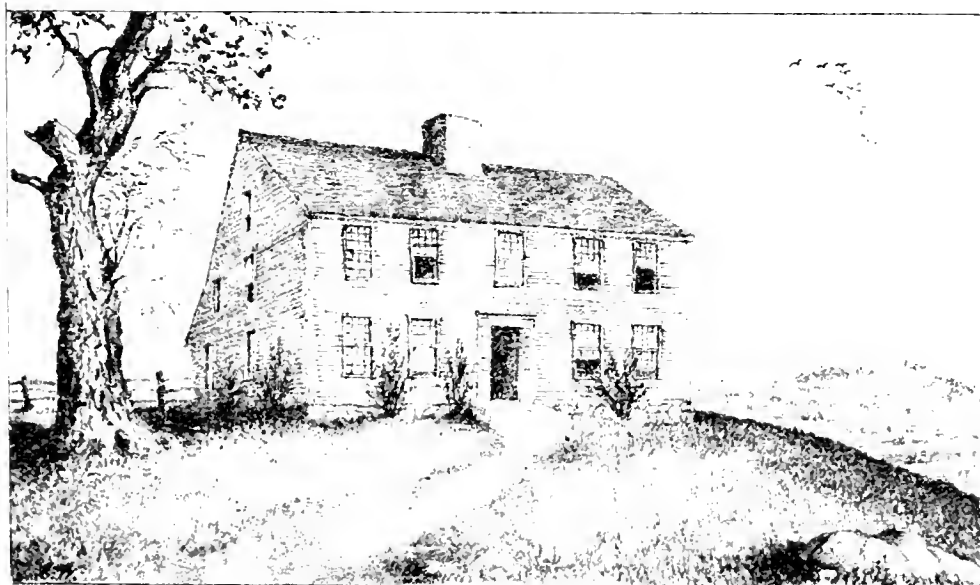
THE EASTMAN HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H.

It is on the east side of the river. Capt. Ebenezer Eastman erected the frame shortly before his death in 1748. Ebenezer Virginia afterwards bought it and moved it to its present location. It has passed since through several ownerships.



THE LOVEWELL HOUSE, NASHUA, N. H.

This was built by Gen. Noah Lovewell, a nephew of the hero of Pequotet, in 1759. The first Capt. Lovewell, who lived to be 102, was the father of the hero, who was born in a house that stood on the spot where the present building now is, and which was torn down in 1759. Some of the timbers and boards of the old Meeting House were used in this building, whose front door was also that of the Meeting House.



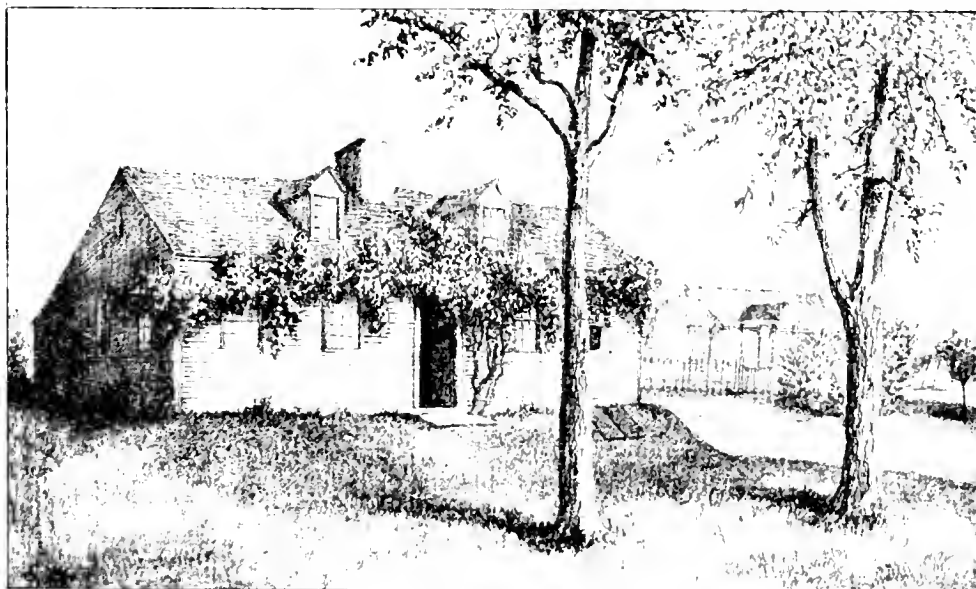
THE EAYERS OR EPPS HOUSE, NASHUA, N. H.

This, the second oldest house in Nashua, is in the south part of the Town on the road to Tyngsboro, near the Massachusetts line. It was built by Jas. Eayers, a Tanner and Revolutionary Patriot, in 1768. It is the only house having a long slant to its rear roof that can now be found in Nashua. The old tree on the left is said to be 150 years old.



THE VARNEY HOUSE, DOVER, N. H.

This very old house built by Ebenezer Varney in 1696, stands near the foot of Garrison Hill and is quite a large building. At the time of its erection there were not enough men in Dover to raise the frame and others came in boats from Portsmouth to help.



THE JAFFRAY HOUSE, NEWCASTLE, N. H.

This was built by Geo. Jaffray about 1676 and remained in possession of his descendants until 1813. It was used as a Council house in 1682-83. After 1813 it changed ownership several times until its present possessor, John Albee, bought it in 1865. It is a charming old place.



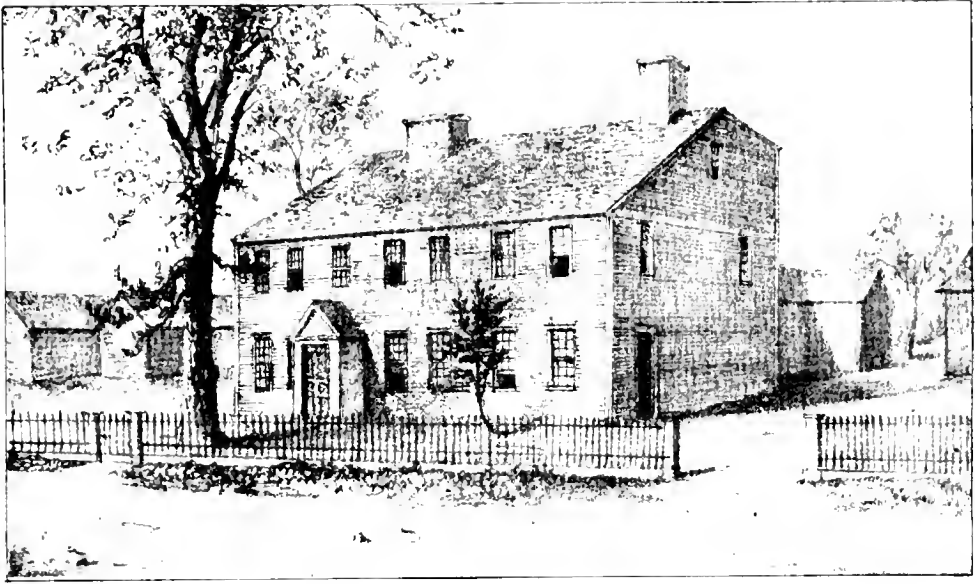
THE ROLFE-RUMFORD HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H.

This was built in 1764 by Col. Benj. Rolfe, who died in 1774, and his Widow, a daughter of Rev. Timothy Walker, subsequently married Benj. Thompson, (Count Rumford) who, after occupying it several years with his family, went abroad and never returned. Mrs. Thompson lived in it until her death in 1791 when it descended to her son Col. Paul Rolfe; who, dying in 1819, left it to his half-sister Sarah, Countess of Rumford. At her decease in 1852 it went as a foundation to the Rolfe & Rumford Asylum, to which it now belongs.



THE WALKER HOUSE, CONCORD, N. H.

This was built in 1734 by Rev. Timothy Walker, (the first, and for fifty years, the only Minister of Concord,) who lived in it until his death in 1782. From him it passed to his son Judge Timothy Walker who occupied it until 1822 when he died; and it descended to his son Capt. Jos. Walker, who, dying in 1833 left it to his son Jos. B. Walker, its present occupant. It has been somewhat modified from time to time; but this view presents it as originally constructed.



THE LEAVITT HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This is on Front Street and was used as a tavern during the war. There seems to be a good deal of doubt as to who built it, but it probably dates back to about 1740. It has been added to since and somewhat changed. It is now owned by Sam'l W. Leavitt. Mr. Wm. Robinson, who founded the Female Academy, passed the early years of his boyhood in this house.



THE FOLSOM HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This was built for a tavern in 1787 by Col. Sam'l Folsom, a leading citizen of Exeter, at the corner of Court Square and Water Street. On the morning of Oct. 4th, 1789, Gen. Washington breakfasted here, being on his way to Haverhill. He was accompanied by his Secretaries, Col. Lear and Major Jackson, and a single servant. Col. Nicholas Gilman and other officers and the principal citizens paid their respects to the distinguished guest.



THE OLD WENTWORTH MANSION, LITTLE HARBOR, N. H.

This celebrated old mansion was built by Gov. Benning Wentworth in 1755. He married his housemaid Martha Hilton, the heroine of Longfellow's poem "Lady Wentworth." It is an exceedingly interesting building and stands in a very fine location commanding beautiful views.



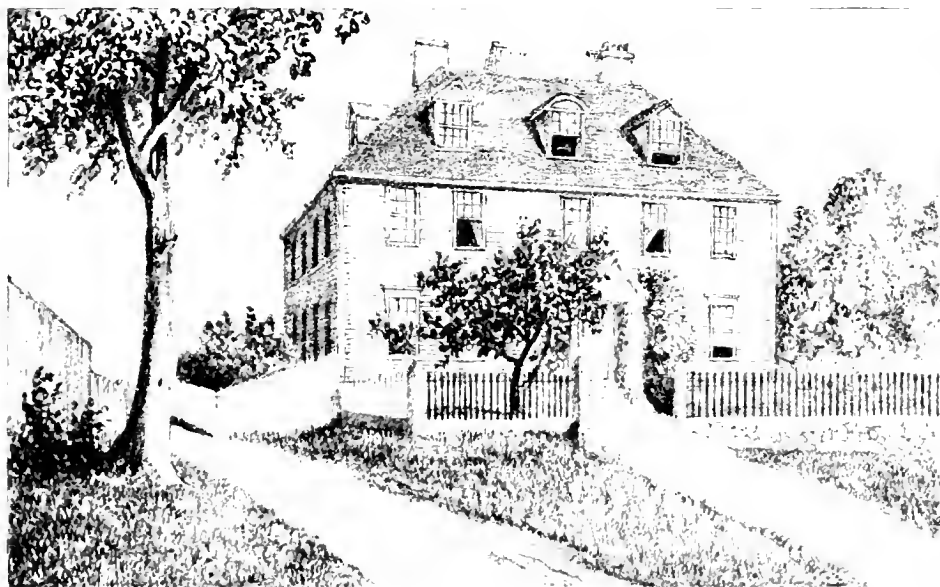
THE VAUGHN HOUSE, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

This is a very old house, on Manning Street, and is said to have been built by the Crown for a Governor's house, and it was occupied as such by three Governors, two of whom were Wentworths. It was probably built about 1670. It now belongs to the Vaughn family.



THE TILTON HOMESTEAD, TILTON, N. H.

Nathaniel Tilton, son of Sam'l Tilton originally from Wales, removed from Stratham or New Market to Sanbornton in 1768, and settled on lot 65 nearly a mile above the bridge, and built the Tilton homestead. He was the second of the seven who put their names to the Original Church Covenant of the 1st Church in Town, Nov. 13th, 1771, and was chosen deacon Jan. 2d, 1772. He served the old church more than 39 years. He died Feb. 11th, 1814. After him and through his descendants, the southern portion of the original town is now called Tilton.



THE JAFFRAY HOUSE, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

This fine old house was built by George Jaffray or Jaffrey in 1730. He was Treasurer of the Province of New Hampshire. It stands on Linden Street.



THE DANIEL GILMAN HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This was probably built by Dan'l Gilman about 1750 and was the house where Whitefield stopped on his last visit to Exeter. He died here Sept. 29th, 1770.



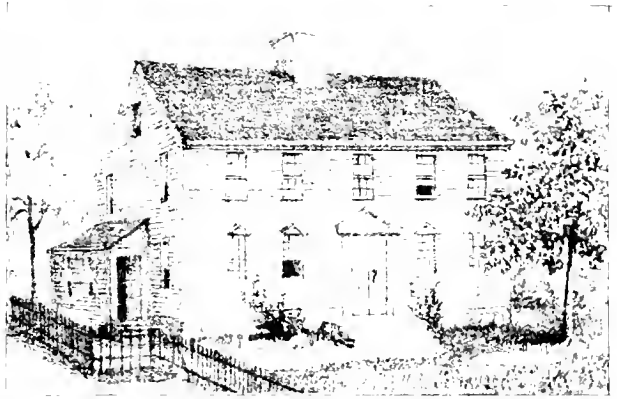
THE TILTON OR KING HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

It was opposite this house that Rev. George Whitefield preached his last sermon in Exeter, Sept. 29th, 1770. He went to Newburyport the same day, and died there the day after. How old this is I can't find out, but it was probably about 1750, or perhaps earlier.



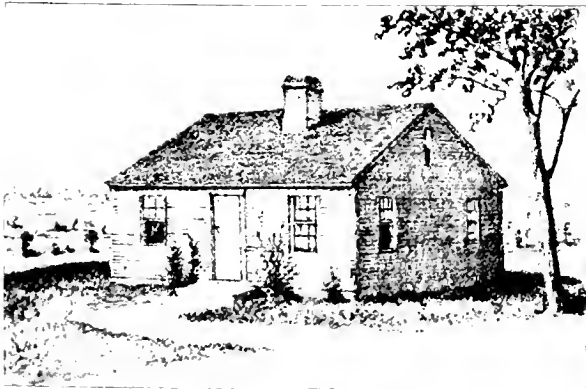
OLD POST OFFICE, EXETER, N. H.

This building has been moved from Water Street, where it long stood, and is said to have been used as a Post Office more than a hundred years since. It has been modernized and is now opposite the Cemetery. It was probably built by Jos. Wadley about 1728.



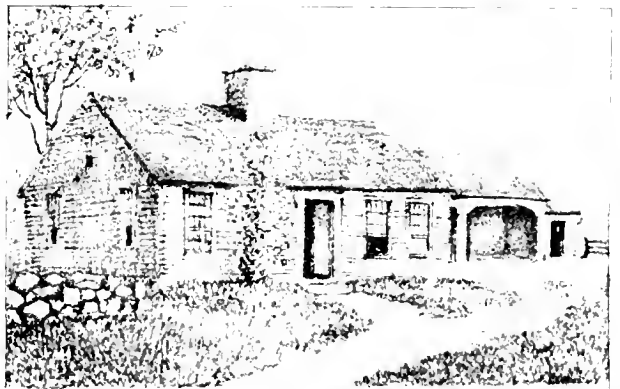
BIRTHPLACE OF GEN'L CASS, EXETER, N. H.

Here Lewis Cass was born in 1782 while his mother, who was a Gilman, was on a visit to her relatives. This house was built by a Gilman about 1740. It has been somewhat modernized. It is now owned by John Gilman.



THE DANIELS-SEWARD HOUSE, KEENE, N. H.

This was built by Daniel Wilson about 1750. His wife was in the house on the day of the battle of Bennington and claimed to have heard the firing. About 1786 the house was sold to Jacob Daniels, and since then it has changed hands more than once. Daniel Wilson was the great uncle of Gen'l Joseph Wilson. Polly, daughter of Dan'l Wilson married Josiah Seward of Sullivan.



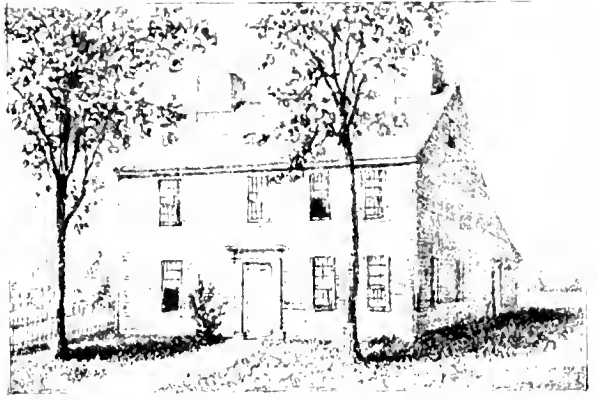
THE HEATON HOUSE, KEENE, N. H.

This is believed to have been built by Seth Heaton, at least as early as 1780. It is about two miles from the centre of the city and is in a pretty good state of preservation.



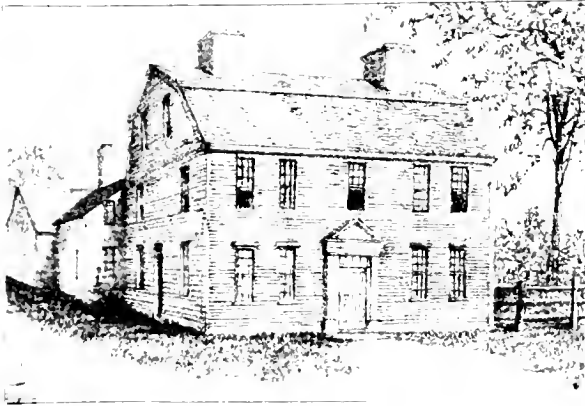
THE DARLING GARRISON HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This was built by John Guman, of squared logs, in 1648. It stands on the corner of Water and Clifford Streets. This is the rear view, as the front has been completely modernized. Most of the loopholes have been turned into windows.



THE JANGRIN HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This is another very old Garrison house, standing near the Common. The walls of this building are of heavy planks, and when it was stripped, some years since, for fresh clapboarding, a number of bullet holes were found. It was probably built by a Colored about 1680, if not earlier.



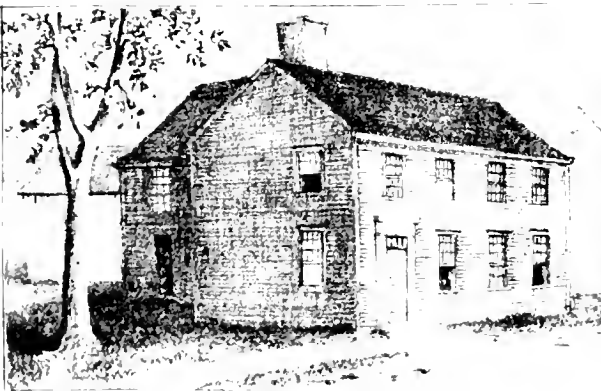
THE ODIORNE HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This stands on Cross Street and was probably built by an Odiorne about 1780. It is in a pretty good state of repair.



THE GORDON HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This was once a fine house, but is fast going to ruin. It was built by a man named Gordon about 1780 or perhaps before. It stands on high ground off Newmarket Street.



THE HACKETT-PEABODY HOUSE, EXETER, N. H.

This is on the east side of the river, near the bridge. It was probably built by Col. Jos. Hackett about 1780. It was afterward owned by Genl Peabody.



THE HAM HOUSE DOVER, N. H.

This was built by Benj. Ham in 1743, and remained in possession of his descendant until 1875. It is situated in the rear on the side of Central Avenue, not far from the V. & M. House.



DANIEL WEBSTER'S BIRTH-PLACE, SALISBURY.

This house is about three miles from Franklin. The old house in which Dan'l Webster was born was a one-story building, and stands, or rather a portion of it, between the large house, as seen in the picture, and the barn. The two story part is of much later erection.



COLBY-LEAVITT HOUSE, SANBORNTON.

This is one of the oldest houses in Sanbornton, and was probably built about 1780.



THE HALL HOUSE, MANCHESTER CENTER.

This house was built by Daniel Hall, about 1773, and is now owned by his grandson. It is only a short distance from what was the old Town House.



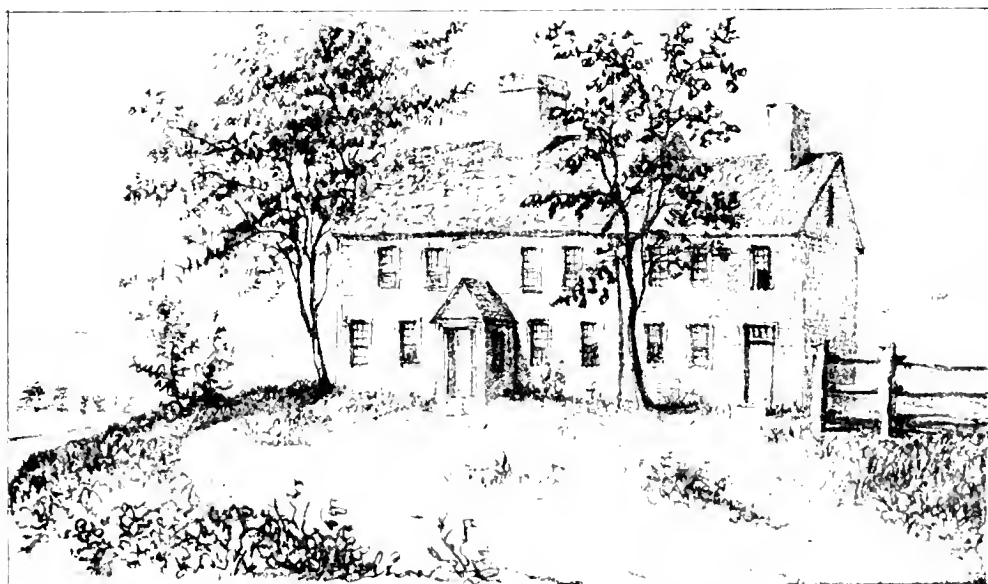
THE OLD TOWN HOUSE, MANCHESTER CENTER.

This was originally a Meeting House; was afterwards used as a Town House; then as a tenement house, and is now owned by Josiah Sargeant. It is in a pretty good state of repair. It is now (1886) about 100 years old.



THE CLOUGH HOUSE, CANTERBURY.

This house is about one-half mile from the R. R. Station, and was built about 1780 by Jeremiah Clough, for his son Joseph. It is now owned by his grandson who has considerably modernized it. It was quite a mansion when erected and is still a very large and handsome house. The picture shows it as it appeared when first built. It is very near the Merrimac River, and Mt. Kearsarge is seen in the distance. On the bluff, to the right, was a look-out station.



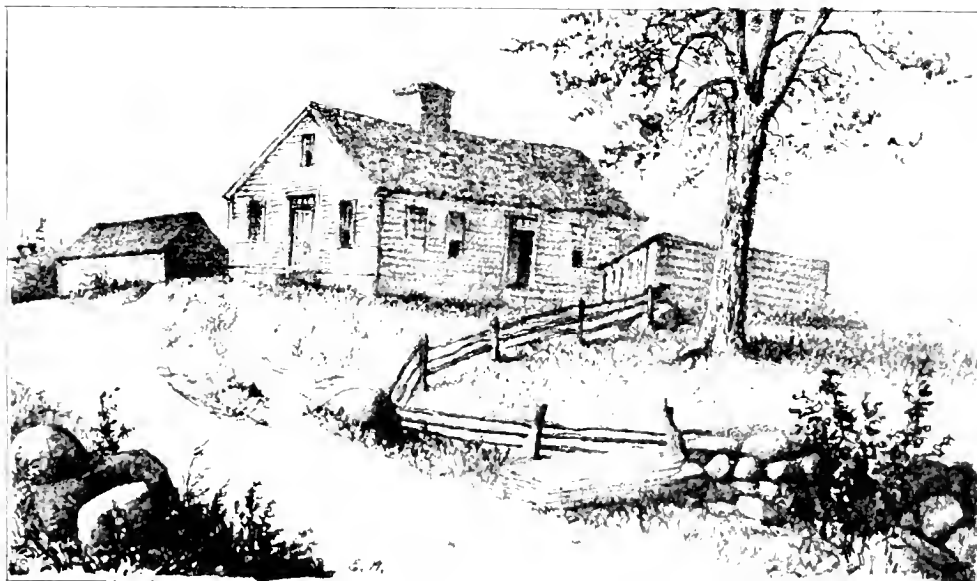
THE GERRISH HOUSE, CANTERBURY.

The larger portion of this is the oldest and was built by Jos. Gerrish about 1782 or perhaps a little earlier. The windows are very peculiarly arranged, as will be readily noticed. It stands on the bank of the Merrimac River about a mile above the Clough house, and is in a rather dilapidated condition.



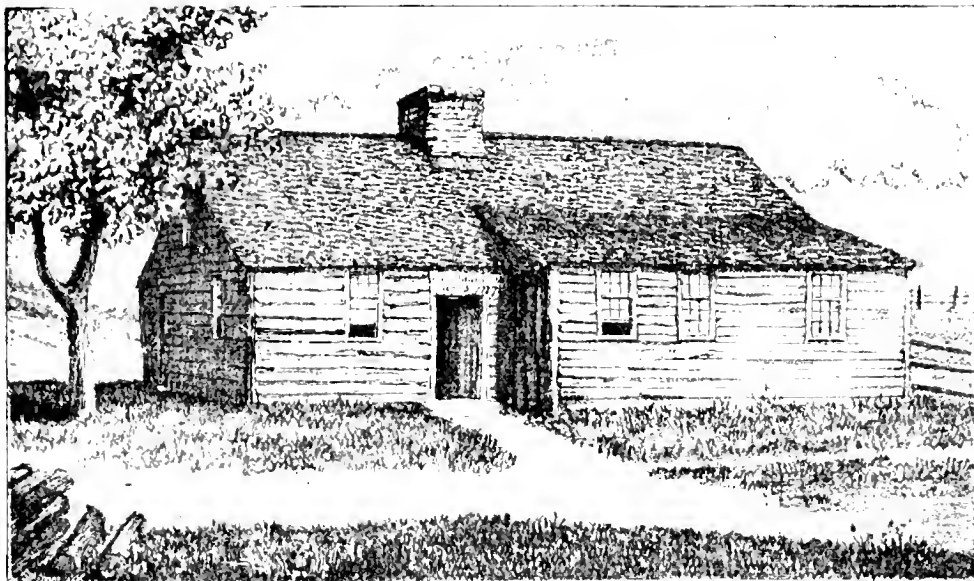
THE BOYNTON HOUSE, LACONIA.

This house stands on Pleasant Street, and is one of the oldest houses in the village, having been built by David Boynton about 1781. It was a large and well-built house in its day.



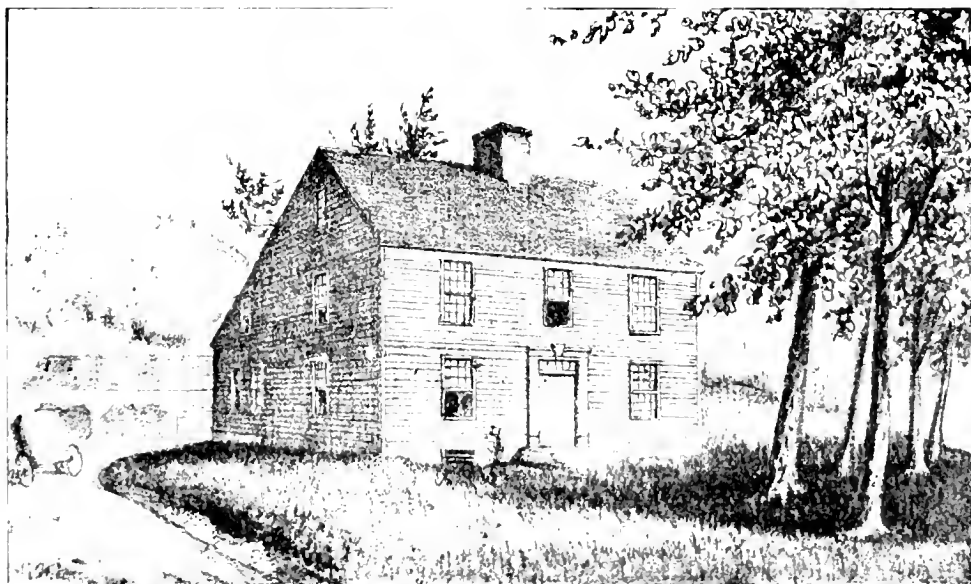
THE BLAISDELL HOUSE, GILFORD

This house is about three miles from Lake Village, and was built by Sam. Blaisdell about 1750. It is still owned by his descendants. It is in a rather dilapidated condition.



THE MATTHEWS HOUSE, BENNINGTON, VT.

In this house Col. Baum, commander of the Hessians, having been mortally wounded in the Battle of Bennington, died 1777. This house has been taken down.



THE HARWOOD HOUSE, BENNINGTON, VT

This was built by Peter Harwood, one of the first settlers in Bennington, about 1772. It is in a good state of preservation and has a handsome front door. It stands near the foot of Mt. Anthony.



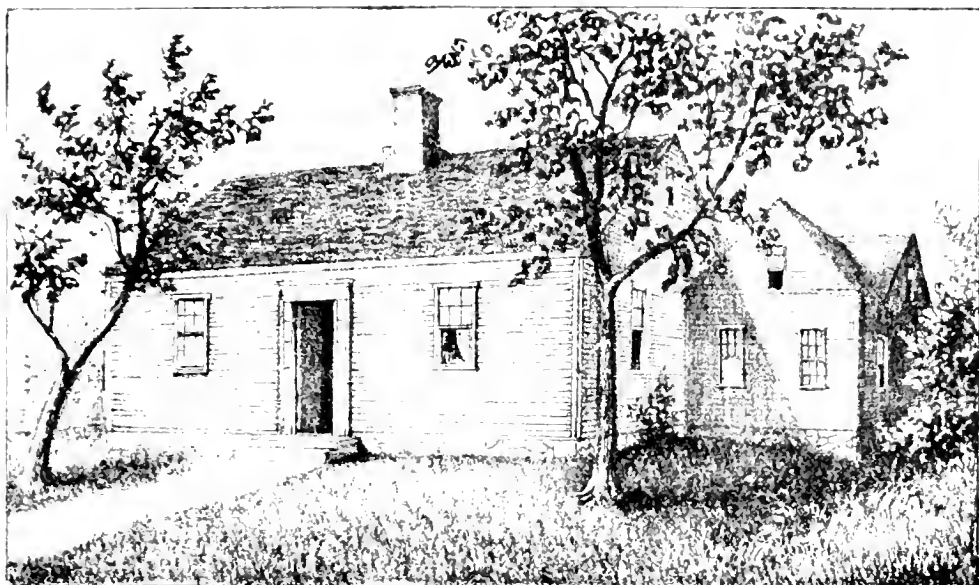
THE SARGEANT HOUSE, BRATTLEBORO, VT.

This was built by Thos. Sargeant about 1770. His father, John, sometimes called David, was one of the earliest settlers in Vermont, in 1730, and located first at Fort Dummer. He was killed by the Indians in 1742. John Sargeant, Jr., was probably the first white child born in Vermont, Dec. 4, 1732. The granddaughter of Thos. Sargeant, nearly 88 years of age, lives here.



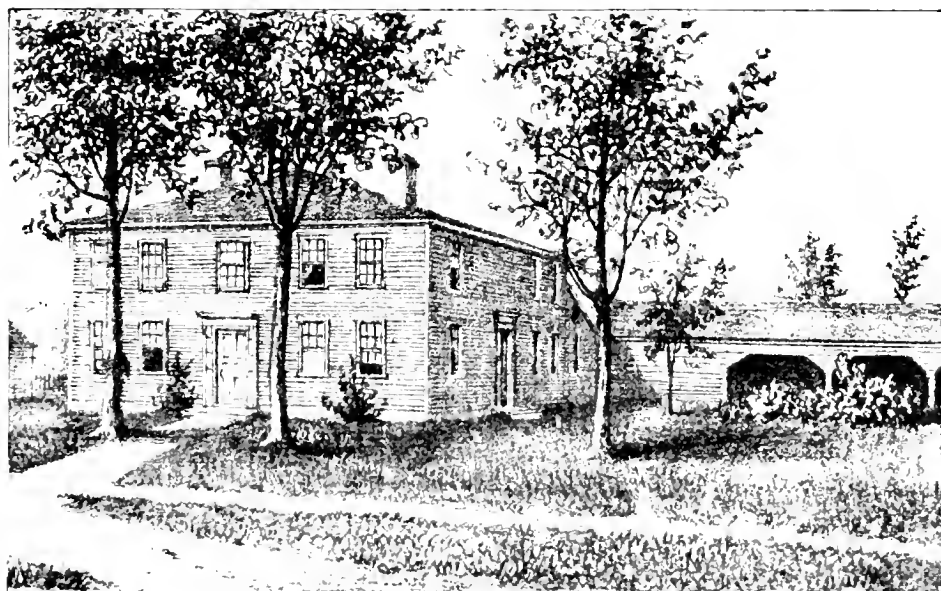
THE WHITCOMB HOUSE, LUDLOW, VT

This house, which is in a dilapidated condition, was built by Jonathan Whitcomb about 1782-3 and sold by his grandson to J. Davidson, 1831. It is now owned by H. L. Warner.



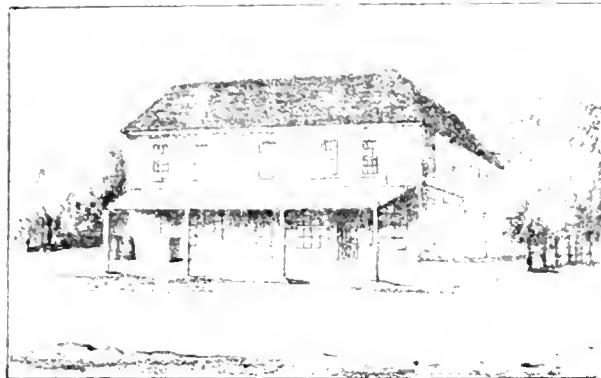
THE POST HOUSE, RUTLAND, VT.

This house must have been built before 1786, for in that year about fifty men concerned in a small rebellion, similar in its cause and objects to that of Shay's in Mass., went to this house to stay over night, where they were captured by the Government troops. It stands about a mile out of Rutland on the old Burlington stage-road. It has been modernized.



THE HAYES HOUSE, BRATTLEBORO, VT.

This house stands in what is called West Brattleboro, and was built by Richard Hayes about 1784. He came from New Haven, Conn., in 1778, just of age, and built a blacksmith's shop and afterward a blacksmith. It has now a piazza in front which was not there originally. It is owned by his granddaughter, the widow of W. H. Bigelow, and is in an excellent state of repair.



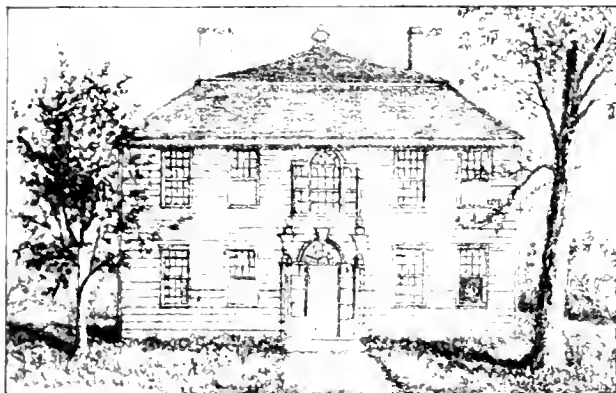
THE GOULD HOUSE, RUTLAND, VT.

Nath'l Gould kept tavern here in 1780, and probably built it. Bricks & shingles made here by Benj. Lord and Nicholas Goddard in 1790. It is now occupied as a store and has been considerably altered.



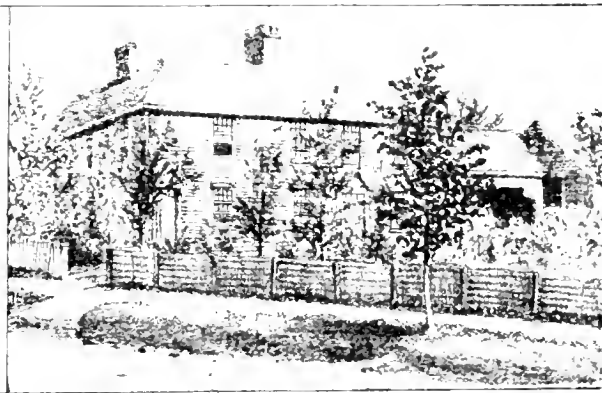
THE BRIDGEMAN FORT, VERNON, VT.

This structure was built before 1740, and was attacked by the Indians in 1759. The fort probably is of Indian origin.



THE CADWELL HOUSE, MONTPELIER, VT.

This was the original house built in Montpelier, by James Hawkins, probably about 1785. A store is afterwards kept here by Wyllys J. Cadwell and Timothy Hubbard. It has recently been pulled down.



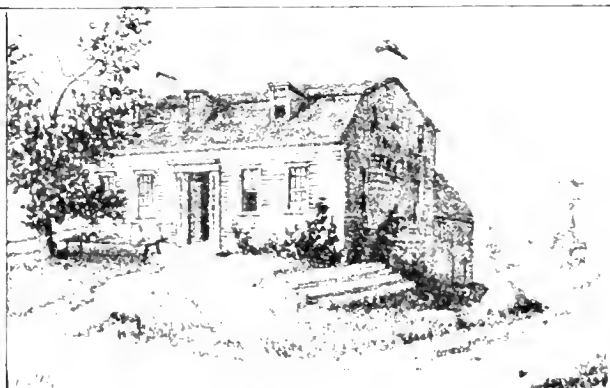
CATAMOUNT TAVERN, BENNINGTON, VT.

This is a log hut, formerly burnt down, but since was the scene of a most remarkable event in the early settlement of Vermont on account of the disputes as to right of territory between N. Y. and N. H. In 1780, a person was a stuffed catamount's skin fastened to the top of the 25 ft. high wall log hut, granting towards New York. The person was called the Green Mountain Tavern.



THE JENKINS HOUSE, RUTLAND, VT.

Whether it was built by a man named Jenkins, or by the County, about 1780, is uncertain. It was occupied as a Court House for 7 years, and the first Legislature of Vermont met in it. It is in a good state of preservation, but has been somewhat altered. The picture shows it as it was originally.



THE OLD TOWN POOR HOUSE, BENNINGTON, VT.

There are some who doubt whether this house, but it was built by the County, and is at least 100 years old. It is a small, simple structure, and is used only as a sort of store house.

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